

The Baptist Record

“THY KINGDOM COME”

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THE APPEAL OF A HEART-BROKEN MISSIONARY

Missionary John W. Lowe, who has spent forty-four years as a missionary of this Board in Hwanghsien, China, has been among the most outstanding missionaries the Foreign Mission Board has ever sent to the Orient. He has worn himself out preaching for the Chinese and now has the status of an emeritus missionary. He is going continually, at his own expense, trying to stir up our people to the tremendous importance of trying to feed some of the starving millions. He has a burning passion for China and everything Chinese. He has written the following appeal, and I am sending it out through the Baptist press of the South so that our people may see how one “old China hand” feels about the awful suffering of his adopted people.—Charles E. Maddry.

Frustrating Facts from Four-Year Famine By John W. Lowe

Tragic Need—The physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs, sufferings, and sorrows of more than one hundred million women and children in Europe and China at this tragic hour are not only indescribable but overwhelmingly great, and are the most challenging appeals to the generosity of our people. Surely, it is time to “have a heart” for the starving peoples in these lands.

America's Share in Japanese War Guilt Seems Inescapable—Twenty million tons of scrap iron, purchased from America and stacked in Japan to wage war on China, testify loudly against us. War materials bought from the U. S. have enabled the Japanese to lay waste practically all China. The scene of devastation is as though all the floods, famines, fires, wars, typhoons, and plagues of five hundred years has struck China at one time. Surely, some means of expiation of our crime must be found.

How About Relief?—All the relief agencies report that from the beginning of relief efforts to this day funds have been desperately inadequate to meet the most urgent needs of famishing peoples. Recent reports announced gifts to European relief of \$26,000,000, while China, whose needs are greater than all of Europe, received less than \$5,000,000. Next year China relief agencies are undertaking to double the amounts given to China relief. Since the sufferings, sorrows, and devastation of China's four hundred and seventy millions are greater than all the sorrows of Europe, such disproportionate (Continued on Page Eight)

ONE THOUSAND BOOKS ADDED TO BLUE MOUNTAIN LIBRARY

President Lawrence T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain College, announces that Dr. W. T. Lowrey, who was president of Blue Mountain for 27 years, has presented the college with his library of about one thousand volumes. Dr. Lowrey, now retired, and Mrs. Lowrey, are living with their daughter, Miss Sara Lowrey, Waco, Texas.

Dr. Lowrey also served as president of Mississippi College, Clinton, for thirteen years; and for many years was president of Hillman College, Clinton; Gulf Coast Military Academy, Gulfport; and Clarke College, Newton. He has served as president of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women.

What is the correct way to address a chaplain? According to the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, the only correct way is by the title, “Chaplain,” regardless of rank. Unofficially and informally, a chaplain may be referred to as “Father” or “Padre” or as “Rabbi” or even as “Reverend.” The last, however, is not considered good usage.

DR. R. G. LEE DECLINES B. B. I. PRESIDENCY

From Dr. P. I. Lipsey, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Bible Institute, we learn: “Dr. R. G. Lee could not get his consent to sever his connection with Bellevue church in Memphis. The trustees of the Baptist Bible Institute meet in New Orleans August 12 with the purpose to elect a president. They ask that the readers of The Record pray that they may have divine guidance.”

DR. R. G. LEE'S DECISION E. C. Routh

Last week announcement was made of the election of Dr. R. G. Lee as president of Baptist Bible Institute. On the day of his election, Dr. Lee, who is in the East meeting a series of engagements, was notified of his election and agreed to give the matter serious consideration.

Early last week he wired that he was making a special trip from New York State to New Orleans to confer with the special committee which had been appointed to work out details. Wednesday morning, last week, he met with our committee and told us something of his experience in trying to reach his decision. He said that practically every waking moment since he was notified of his election, he had prayed that the will of God might be revealed. He had been unable to find peace, either in the thought of giving up his great church in Memphis, or in turning away from the plea of such an institution as the Baptist Bible Institute, which he had loved through the years with an ever-increasing devotion.

The only suggestion that had brought him any degree of peace was the possibility that he might assume the double responsibility as pastor and president—and he was not sure that such a relationship would be practicable or satisfactory. After considering the matter from every angle, the committee and Dr. Lee worked out a formula, in line with this suggestion, and he agreed to undertake the double responsibility.

However, as he started on his return trip to the East, via Memphis, and faced fully for the first time the implications and responsibilities of such a task, he was overwhelmed by the conviction that such a load would be too heavy, and he advised the committee that he was clear in his final decision to decline the call to New Orleans.

We ask Southern Baptists to join with the Board of Trustees of Baptist Bible Institute in prayer that God's will may be done in the choice of a leader of this great institution.

PATRIOTISM NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP MOVIES OPEN

Naturally there has been from certain sources a ceaseless endeavor to nullify the act. Since the war began that endeavor has frequently been cloaked under patriotic garb. In an eastern city, for example, movie houses made an appeal that they might be allowed to remain open to provide places of rest and relaxation for members of the armed forces. They were told that if they wished to serve the men in uniform there was nothing in the Lord's Day act to deter them. The Lord's Day act simply prevented the Sunday operation of places of amusement for gain. If the proprietors wished to sell soldiers tickets for six nights a week, and then, like the Y. M. C. A., provide free entertainment on the seventh, they could do so. Singularly enough, the patriotic necessity to keep movie houses open Sunday soon became less apparent to the proprietors.—Ernest Marshall Howse, in Christian Century.

OUT AGAIN—ON AGAIN J. E. Dillard

I am happy to be out again and back on the job trying to promote the whole program of Southern Baptists and especially planning and working for a debtless denomination in 1943. (How I wish we could get through in '42.)

I had a little spell of some kind about a month ago and upon the insistence of my doctors and the Executive Committee I cancelled all my speaking engagements for July and August and went to our hospital in New Orleans for a complete check-up. The doctors didn't find anything alarming in my condition; they suggested that I take a little rest and go a bit slow for awhile.

Really I surprised them and I think made one of them a little angry by getting well so soon. This reminds me of a similar experience a few years ago: I was in an auto wreck and had a lot of bones broken and other minor injuries. One of the doctors said I would be laid up six months. But I was in my pulpit the next Sunday. My doctor didn't like that; he said he had known a lot of men to die who were not as badly broken up as I was. The undertaker said I had beaten him out of a job.

Let me say a good word for our great Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. Its superintendent, Dr. Louis J. Bristow, is a scholar, a business genius, and a Christian gentleman. How he can do the great things and get the results he does is a mystery. Everything runs smoothly, the best service is given, and the best of everything is served in spite of the crowded conditions, the difficulty of getting supplies, and the recent loss of some two score doctors and more nurses who have been called to the colors. I felt I was transgressing when I occupied one of the best rooms with every mod- (Continued on Page Nine)

“LET US BUILD A CITY” Genesis 11:4 Robert E. Beddoe

They were going to build a tower “whose top may reach unto heaven.” We will show an angry heaven how we propose to meet another flood! “Let us make a name.” How human! How prone to trust in our supposed strength, wealth and cleverness! How easy of forget to exalt God's name. Solomon told us, “There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the council of the Lord, that shall stand.” We are endowed with certain faculties and are, I opine, expected to use them in the Lord's work. But now, as never before, Southern Baptists must be certain these faculties are consecrated to God and directed by the Holy Spirit.

Plans we must make—immediate, urgent, sensible, workable plans. We must avoid the fanciful, the chimerical, the diaphanous, the will-o'-the-wisp, the picayune. We must keep our feet on the ground, our hearts with suffering mankind, and our heads in heaven. Our material resources have been drained white by the present crisis, but we must not forget that another day is coming; a day of unprecedented upheaval. We cannot neglect the dreadful present; we must not forget the appalling future.

The whole world was disjointed last December 7. Before daylight that morning I heard the fateful words, “Pearl Harbor is now being bombed with terrific material damage and great loss of life.” I (Continued on Page Nine)

Thomas R. Birch, managing editor of The Presbyterian Guardian, has sent an open letter of protest to Ben Hibbs, editor of The Saturday Evening Post, deploring “offensive profanity and loose language” in that weekly. The letter also protested the Post's alleged ridicule of “the doctrines and tenets of historic Biblical Christianity.”

Sparks and Splinters

Improve: We have just closed a most glorious revival with Dr. C. L. McKay doing the preaching. The pastor preached last Sunday morning at which time our people adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. Then Dr. McKay came that night. I took about two minutes before the sermon Sunday morning to explain the EVERY FAMILY Plan and my people gladly and unanimously adopted it. The pastor is the key. As to visible results of our meeting: 32 for baptism and eight by letter. We had as many as 600 present for the night services. We had as many as 150 to come to our various pre-service prayer meetings and about 20 to report personal soul-winning for that day. We have had between 60 and 70 additions here since February 1.—Jas. B. Ray, pastor.

New Shiloh, Carroll county: I was with Rev. L. D. Sellers at New Shiloh, in Carroll county, in a meeting last week. We had a fine meeting and six young people were baptized as the result.—Otho A. Eure.

Learned Baptist Church has just closed a most successful revival. The cooperation from all of the churches of the town was indeed fine.—R. A. Eddleman.

Oak Grove church, Scott county: Our revival services from July 12 to 17 were well attended. Rev. W. C. Howard, Water Valley, was the visiting preacher. Although we had no additions, it was a good revival among the members.—Reporter.

Morrison Chapel Baptist Church: On Wednesday and Thursday before our revival, which began July 26, a group of the members of our church gathered to complete the painting. They painted the floor and stained the benches.—Elizabeth Stanton.

Morgan Chapel has just closed its Vacation Bible school. There was an enrollment of 54 with an average attendance of 44, and perfect attendance of 17. We also had a B. T. U. study course. Twelve awards were received by intermediates and four by adults. Rev. and Mrs. Burton McGee of West Point were assisted by Mesdames Cecil Carpenter, Morris Morgan and Misses Mary Alice and Doris Morgan.—Mrs. Jodie Morgan.

Calvary church, Greenwood: We have been here two months and during that time we have had 23 additions and 10 of this number have been for baptism.—Otho A. Eure.

In our Mexican churches, at the close of Sunday school, the young people assemble on the front benches, and the superintendent of that department, or the pastor, asks many questions, reviewing the Sunday school lesson. The replies are prompt and hearty; the whole school seems to enjoy it, especially the young people themselves. Is this good teaching? Well, just try it!—F. J. Chastain.

Rev. J. L. Boyd of Meridian is in a revival meeting with Rev. E. C. Hendricks at Ward, Alabama, this week. He will be with the church at Stringer, Miss., the week of August 9th, and the week following.

Bethany Baptist Church, Lauderdale county: Our singing school began July 27 and will end August 7. C. E. Butler, church chorister, is in charge of the school. Our revival begins on August 9. Rev. Othell Hand will do the preaching.—Reporter.

Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian: Our Vacation Bible school, sponsored by the Sunday school was conducted for one week. The pastor, J. L. Boyd, served as general superintendent. He was assisted by the following: Mesdames C. E. Dearman, L. E. Hoggle, Misses Julia Mae Martin, Nannie David, Marjorie Brown, Frances Kinard, Annie Mae Muse, Emma Claire Merrill, Mary Sloan Holifield, Helen Smith, Virginia Lummus, Frances Bassett, Elenn Merrill and Amber Gay. The enrollment reached 102, with an average attendance of 73. Six of the Junior group made decisions for Christ.

From a member of Holly Springs church the editor learns that 55 were present at the mid-week service on July 22. And this during a period when the pastor was away. Many other churches might look at this attendance and then do their best.

Holly Springs: From the Holly Springs bulletin we note that they are to have a "song book home coming." The bulletin states: "A number of church hymnals have drifted into the homes of the members for various reasons. Bring them in. No one will look at you, but we will all be grateful to you."

Dr. F. M. Powell, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, will make the commencement address at the summer convocation of Blue Mountain College August 12 at 4:30 p. m., when fifteen candidates for the B. A. degree will be presented, according to President Lawrence T. Lowrey. The services will be held under the magnolias at the entrance to Whitfield residence hall. This brings the total number of graduates for the year to sixty-three since forty-eight were given degrees in June.

Evangelist A. D. Muse is in a seven weeks' tent campaign at Van Wert, Ohio. Eight churches are cooperating.

In Mexico City many of the people who can speak English are privileged to wear a little United States Flag on the uniform pocket, just below the badge. In recognition of their greater usefulness, they receive higher pay. Verily, here is a parable for the preacher who can talk to people in their own language. They rejoice to see him coming, a friend in time of trouble.—F. J. Castain.

Our Sunday school attendance at Union for August 2 reached 219. The highest for some except for special services. Superintendent Otis Foster, Associate Superintendent J. L. Lewis and a splendid group of teachers and officers are on the job and beating the "summer slump" and making it a "summer hump."—Lawrence B. Cobb.

The Religious Herald carries a letter from the mother of a Virginia soldier. "In the last few months I have crossed our country from east to west and back again and I would gladly die, rather than see my son in the condition in which I have seen many of your sons as they staggered down the aisles of the crowded trains. Where did they get it? Many of them got it in the camp they had just left. It was put there by the government which you put into power. This same government waives gas rationing and tire shortage in the case of beer companies so that your boy and mine (God help him!) can get his glass of beer whenever he is thirsty. But the truck that brings fresh milk to your door cannot get tires or gas. There is a shortage and we are at war."—Baptist Messenger.

Ridgecrest, N. C.—Both church attendance and church giving have increased as a result of the war, according to the findings of a poll conducted among 150 Southern Baptist clergymen by Dr. G. S. Dobbins, of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and made public at the Southwide Baptist Training Union Assembly here. Most of the clergymen, Dr. Dobbins found, believe that a "great missionary era" is in the making after the war. Dr. Dobbins described the increase in church attendance to "a concern for spiritual interpretation of the war and the meeting of its trials." Increase in giving, he said, is due mostly to the increased income of church members now employed in war industries.

Missionaries Homeward Bound—From Lourenco Marques, in Mozambique, East Africa, there has come the following welcome cable: "Forty missionaries Gripsholm well. Theron Rankin." With grateful hearts "we thank God and take courage."

Born at Sea—The Department of State has reported that aboard the S. S. Asama Maru, carrying Southern Baptists' missionaries from the Orient to East Africa, a son, James Theron, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Cecil S. Ward. "May He who was cradled in a manger, guard and protect the little stranger."

The Lord blessed our efforts at Pinkney and honored His work in giving a gracious revival last week. There were 14 additions, seven for baptism, and much evidence of a spiritual revival among the membership. The budget plan of finance was adopted to include Ministers' Retirement, Co-operative Program and EVERY FAMILY Plan to place The Baptist Record in every home of our resident membership. Pastor L. B. Cobb did the preaching. Mrs. Elbie Ezell presided at the piano. Horace Gordon and Elvin Sharp led the song services. The people have a mind to work and we expect constant growth and believe The Baptist Record will aid greatly.—L. B. Cobb, pastor.

Mrs. C. C. Johnson, of Mississippi College, hostess at Chrestman Hall, is attending a special course for dormitory hostesses and heads of residence halls, being given by Columbia University. The course acquaints the hostesses with problems and possibilities of dormitory management, including discussions of furnishings and atmosphere. Mrs. Johnson will join her son, Chester E. Swor, who is spending the summer in New York City to take courses in New York University and Columbia.

The Sheppard Bill, Senate Bill 860, is now before Congress. The purpose of the bill is to prohibit the sale of all alcoholic beverages in or near any military camp. Senators and congressmen are greatly alarmed over the multitudes of letters and petitions which they are receiving in behalf of this bill. Keep the good work going. Write to your congressional representative and senator today, saying that you greatly favor the passage of this bill.

O'Zion church, Franklin county: Our revival closed with five for baptism. The church was revived and the Sunday school was given life, having been frozen out last winter.—Tom L. Pfeifer, pastor.

"Christianity Has Not Failed," is the title of a five-page pamphlet by Evangelist A. D. Muse. This is a re-print of an article which recently appeared in the Western Recorder. The pamphlet declares that although Christianity has not failed, the following things have failed: Infant baptism, destructive criticism and evolution. The price of the pamphlet is five cents, and may be ordered from Elmo Royalty, Upton, Kentucky.

On another page will be found the advertisement of Draughton's Business College. This college is located in the same building with The Baptist Record and we are personally acquainted with those in charge. We believe that girls and boys seeking a business education would do well to investigate this well-known business college.

Cross Roads church, Webster county, held its annual revival the last week in July. Rev. L. B. Wages, pastor of Calvary church, Columbus, did the preaching. Singing was under the direction of W. H. Womack. Henry L. Rhodes of Ackerman taught a class of Sunday school workers as well as helping with the revival. There were nine conversions, and many re-dedications. Brother Wages was no stranger to the older members, having assisted in meetings here in 1912 and 1916. The church unanimously invited him to return in 1943 at the same time.—W. H. Womack.

New Zion church, Walthall county: On July 1, we closed a most successful Vacation Bible school with an enrollment of 75, and an average attendance of 69. Mrs. W. T. Jackson was superintendent, with Mrs. Wilford Ryals, Misses Veryl Smith, Olga Smith, Fannie Laura Smith, Mildred Blackwell, Doris Dillon, Mildred Dillon, W. T. Jackson and W. M. Ratliff assisting her.—W. L. Sewell.

Pricedale: We closed a meeting at Pricedale last Friday night, July 24. When I got there I found that there were some 12 or 15 awaiting baptism, which speaks of good work done by pastor and people. Others were added during the meeting. On Friday afternoon at sunset, Pastor Thorne baptized a number of candidates in the open stream near the church. This was a very impressive scene.—James Allgood.

New Zion church, Walthall county: It was our privilege to have Rev. G. Earl Guinn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jennings, La., and Rev. E. R. Pinson, pastor of Lexie and Crystal Springs Baptist churches, Tylertown, to assist in our annual revival. Brother Guinn preached and Brother Pinson directed the music. There were 14 additions, 10 of them on profession of faith.—W. L. Sewell.

New Zion Baptist Church: On July 21 at 5:00 o'clock, Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Stogner were united in marriage. Brother Davis is pastor of Byram and Leaf River churches.—W. L. Sewell.

A corn syrup company is said to have received the following letter: "Gentlemen: You are frauds; I have used three cans of your corn syrup and my feet still hurt. I want my money back."

The many friends of Dr. W. W. Hamilton, well-known and beloved all over the South, will be glad to know that he is now available for evangelistic meetings.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is — work with the construction gang,
Not with the wreckin' crew."

I

"Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power,
A battle-cry, a flashing breath,
That calls to conquest or to death.

"A word to rouse the church from rest,
To heed the Master's high behest;
The call is given; ye hosts arise,
Our watchword is EVANGELIZE!

"The glad Evangel to proclaim,
Through all the earth in Jesus' name;
This word is ringing through the skies;
EVANGELIZE! EVANGELIZE!

"To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift of gospel grace;
The world that now in darkness lies.
EVANGELIZE! EVANGELIZE!"

II

You have read of the siege of Jerusalem by Titus and his legions in 70 A. D. One million Jews were slain—crucified.

While Titus was starting operations against this city its population was split into three turbulent factions.

One Simon held Herod's Palace; one John controlled the Castle of Antonia and the Courts of the Temple, while Eleazer occupied the Temple. These factions were busy massacring and pillaging one another as they endured famine. Think of it! Facing a terrible enemy from without, they destroyed one another.

In 614 A. D., Chosroes II of Persia took Jerusalem and massacred 90,000 of the population.

In 969 Jerusalem fell again to the mad El Hakim hi Amr Allah. He killed Christians and destroyed their places of worship.

In 1077 the city was pillaged by the Turks under Atsiz, Christians again suffered.

Small wonder there is so much teaching in the word of God against factions, wrath, strife, envy, jealousy, etc. I Cor. 3:3, Galatians 5:17-26. Romans 1:29-30.

III

A fine Christian woman sends in some of our Lord's money for His work and adds, "One man even said that all this literature was the Mark of the Beast." Reference was evidently made to the literature going out from this office.

"All this literature" includes thousands of Gospels of John. We buy them by the thousands for distribution. So that is the "Mark of the Beast." "All this literature" includes tracts on "How to Be Saved." So that is the "Mark of the Beast." Is it?

"All this literature" includes tracts on the work of Jesus, His church, the word of God. So that is the "Mark of the Beast," is it? We refer such critics of the Word and work of the Spirit to Matthew 12:22-37. There he will get a perfect word picture of himself.

IV

Dr. J. A. Stewart, Clarksdale, writes, "We are praying and planning big for the special evangelistic campaign next March. Still think the idea God-given. It appeals to the imagination which is sound psychology."

Dr. S. H. Jones, Brookhaven, says he is planning soon to call a meeting of all nearby pastors to consider plans for this 1943 "Three-months Statewide Evangelistic Crusade."

Brethren Ray, Greene, McArn, Allen, Bullard and others have spoken recently of their plans and hopes for the Crusade.

The spirit of evangelism is spreading. We hope for a real out-breaking within these next months.

V

Brother Charles F. Storey, treasurer, sends a mission offering for the newly organized Beacon Baptist Church at Laurel. He says they plan a regular support of all the work of Christ. That is a mighty good way to start off a baby church! Doxology!

VI

Repeated requests continue for copies of two tracts, "Going to Hell? Who Cares?" and "The Word of God on Strong Drink." Over 60,000 copies of the first message have gone out. Over 40,000 printed copies of the second message have been sent out.

Our supply of these two tracts has been exhausted. When we have the money for it we expect to have them reproduced for distribution by the thousands. We do have other good tracts on hand though, and mail and give them out day after day.

VII

State Missions

A young lady student at a four-year college came to one of your state missionaries with a statement, "I would like to talk to you. I am not sure I am a Christian." Your state missionary said, "Go back in your thinking and decide whether or not you definitely trusted Jesus for salvation. If you did that back yonder at the time you made a profession of faith He saved you then and you are saved now." Well known verses as John 3:16; John 5:24; Acts 16:30, 31 were presented for her reading. She decided she had trusted Jesus back there and that doubts had just come into her spiritual experience. After prayer she went her way manifestly happier and stronger in her Christian life.

THAT IS STATE MISSIONS!

VIII

The people at Lexington worship in a lovely building. We had the privilege of speaking to them one Sunday while Dr. Judson Chastain, pastor, was away down in Mexico. They were present in goodly numbers and listened well. We had the pleasure of visiting again in the Christian home of the E. H. Shaddocks.

IX

We journeyed to Clarksdale to present the 1943 plans in evangelism to the Mississippi Baptist Convention (Colored). Dr. A. J. Cosey, president, had issued the invitation. The place of meeting was a large brick house of worship. There were enough people present to fill it three times. They gave a good hearing and not a few amens!

The speakers we heard were prepared. The singing was excellent. The order was good. Dr. Cosey is a fine presiding officer.

We believe they will do something about the special evangelistic program in 1943.

X

We have two new tracts off the press. These are probably the only tracts we will have printed this entire year.

One is our 1942 State Mission Tract—"Mississippi—Our Judea." It is in five chapters. The first chapter shows the place of Judea in the life of Jesus, and Jesus in the life of Judea.

The second tract presents plans and purposes in our 1943 "Three-months Statewide Evangelistic Crusade."

We are mailing sample copies of these two tracts to pastors, institution heads, Board members, W. M. U., B. T. U. and S. S.

We will be glad to mail additional copies to individuals or groups. Please feel free to write for them.

BR

Improve: Professor Garvin Allen, who is to be the superintendent of our high school next year, led the singing in our recent revival.—J. B. Ray, pastor.

Rev. Otis D. Ashworth has resigned as pastor of Juniper Grove Baptist Church. Juniper Grove is one of our fine country churches, located a few miles from Poplarville. Brother Ashworth has done a good work and we hope that one of our Mississippi churches will soon call him.

Improve: During our revival we had a Vacation Bible school, led by Miss Maudine Story of Philadelphia. She did a splendid job. The enrollment was 112 and the average attendance was 100.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley

Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

HOLDING THE HOME FRONT: "Let us not forget that the success or failure of our armed and naval forces, as always, will be predetermined on the home front. The gallant defenders of Bataan and Corregidor proved this: As long as they had food and even a little rest, they could resist the Jap attacks. But once cut off, their disintegrating strength was conquered, not by superior foe, but by natural elements. It was the flesh and not the spirit which weakened."—J. Edgar Hoover, director FBI. Mark 14:38, "... the spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."

JACKSON: Northside Baptist Church probably is the first church group in Mississippi to introduce soldiers to an old-fashioned southern hayride. Neither gasoline nor rubber tires were used. A real float, drawn by a pair of farm mules and driven by a Southern "darker" made it truly old-fashioned.

MERIDIAN: "Army barracks aren't conducive to spiritual development," Kipling once wrote. The churches here are aware of the spiritual needs of the men of Key Field and will no doubt work harder and faster as the new barracks go up. Isaiah 40:3, "... prepare ye the way of the Lord

GREENVILLE: The ladies of the First Baptist Church, of which Dr. C. S. Henderson is pastor, furnished the refreshments at the Soldiers Center on a recent Sunday night. "Abundance," "swell," and "home-cooked" were some of the adjectives used by the Army Post newspaper in describing the edibles.

BR

MOSS POINT

I have just returned home from a ten days' meeting with Bishop J. F. Brock and his noble people at Moss Point. Wise preparation had been made for the revival and the Father's favor crowned the efforts of His people with rich blessing.

No workers in our state are more deeply loved by their people than are Pastor and Mrs. Brock. For twenty years they have labored faithfully and victoriously in this exceptionally fine coast town, leading the church steadily forward in all departments of the work. A fund has been started for the erection of a new building after the war and gratifying progress is being made.

Of great help in the meeting was Brother W. K. Bean of Springfield, Mo., a recent graduate of Mississippi College who will enter the Southern Seminary this fall and is serving the church as assistant pastor this summer. Mention should be made also of the service of the two splendid choirs, regular and young people, under direction of Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Thompson.

The gracious hospitality of Deacon and Mrs. K. W. Burnham, as well as other homes, left nothing to be desired and I shall long remember this Moss Point visit with joy and gratitude.

H. L. MARTIN, Senatobia, Miss.

BR

BAPTIST RECORD AGAIN PROVES ITS WORTH

One of our good pastors recently wrote for sample copies of The Record. He said that he planned to try to do something about it during their revival meeting. After the meeting he wrote us as follows: "In our revival I wondered if the campaign for The Record would not reduce the special offering by about that much, but as it turned out the giving was some twenty dollars more than last year." Note that this preacher was fearful of promoting The Record during his revival because he thought it might reduce his special offering. However, he states that the special offering was \$20.00 more than last year. THE BAPTIST RECORD DOES HELP.

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RIDGECREST OFFERS UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITIES

On another page will be found an advertisement of the final two weeks of the 1942 Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. After a careful study of the entire summer's program we would long hesitate before daring to choose any one week in preference to another. But if anybody has failed to go to Ridgecrest, and can possibly do so, the weeks of August 15-21 and August 22-30 are packed full of the things that thrill and inspire and energize every Baptist. Among the outstanding Southern Baptist leaders appearing on the program for these two weeks are: Dr. Percy Webb, of San Antonio, Texas; Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. W. T. Conner of Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Geo. W. Truitt, who belongs to all of us; Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. Austin Crouch of Nashville, Tenn.

Any Baptist who possibly can, would be doing himself a favor by attending one of these two weeks.

Look up that ad right now and see what is in store for you.

—BR—

NOT FORGETTING THOSE AT HOME

We are tremendously interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of those in the armed service. We certainly have no right to squawk at rationing, deprivation or sacrifice until these equal those of our armed forces.

But if the foundation fails, the building falls. And while doing all we can for the spiritual welfare of those in service we should not slacken in our spiritual efforts at home. Let's do all we can to build up spiritual strength among those who serve away from home. Yet we must keep the spiritual home fires burning. Sometime, soon we hope, years we fear, the war will be over. And when these men come back we want to welcome them to spiritual fires and not to religious refrigerators.

A very helpful and simple plan is suggested by Mr. Herman L. King in an article entitled "Bible Story for Those Who Serve." Turn now to page 10 and read it. After reading it, be a doer and not a reader only.

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LET'S HOPE THEY MEAN BUSINESS

We quote below a news item that we hope is more than an announcement. The conditions mentioned are serious and a constant strain on our armed manpower.

If the authorities, civil and military, national and local, will really try, much of this nefarious business can be destroyed.

Some localities have proven that strict law enforcement is a great detriment to this kind of wickedness. Christian people everywhere should demand and keep on demanding that our laws be enforced and that our soldiers be protected.

It is true that they do not have to indulge in immorality, but the less the temptation the less will be the indulgence.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12—(INS)—In an intensive drive to wipe out the prostitution menace to the armed services and war workers, military and federal authorities will join forces with local and state enforcement agencies throughout the country.

This was disclosed in a statement released tonight by the FBI headquarters in Philadelphia. The announcement stated that the campaign against prostitution was planned "as a nation-wide program of cooperation between all law enforcement authorities. . . . In order to bring about the greatest measure of assistance possible to military authorities."

Outstanding army and navy medical authorities are participating because of the "increasing seriousness of the problem of prostitution, which has been found to exist in the immediate vicinity of

military camps and naval establishments and the resultant dangerousness of infection by venereal disease," the announcement said. It added:

"Facts and figures compiled by the authorities have shown a quite alarming loss of extremely valuable man-hours to the army, navy and defense plants by reason of venereal disease infection."

"This infection has been directly traced to itinerant communities of prostitutes that have sprung up in various sections of the country immediately surrounding navy yards, military camps, and national defense plants."

"Recognizing the increasing seriousness of the situation, Congress recently passed the May act, which, together with the Mann act, gives federal authorities power to assist military and civil authorities in the solving of the local problems regarding prostitution."

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A SAILOR MAKES A GOOD SUGGESTION

We quote below from a letter written by a sailor stationed at New Orleans:

"If I once thought that you would put this in print, I wouldn't write, as material of a more worthy nature needs the space, and too, I don't like publicity."

"Speaking the minds of my mates, and I think those in the Army and Marines as well, I would like for you to suggest to the Baptists throughout the state to send us their Baptist Records when they are through with them. Sending a number of issues to the reading room is fine, but there is lacking that personal effect that comes with an article direct to the user."

"You see, we like news from home, and this is a fine way to get it across, as it gives us community information as well as the state in general."

"I am sure you have the idea in mind how this simple, but to us important, project can be solved."

"Thanking you, and fighting for what The Record stands for, I remain

"YOURS IN THE NAVY."

We think the idea a good one and are glad to pass it on.

Let our readers secure the name of some man in the service, preferably a member of his church, and each week after reading The Record mail it to some service man. The postage will be only 1½ cents, but The Record will be worth many times more to that homesick boy in some camp on some far-away battle station or aboard some ship.

Many have expressed a desire to do something. This is your opportunity.

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OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

BEER OR BOMBS?

If this war is won, it will be won by bombs, bullets, and bombardment and not by beer, bureaucrats, and bologna. Beer is no substitute for bombs. Nothing pleases Mr. Hitler more than to have our transportation system clogged up with shipments of beer. Valuable space in cargo vessels is being used to ship beer to other nations while a lot of politicians at the heads of departments are playing wet nurse to the liquor interests.

We are trying eight saboteurs who entered this country by way of submarine and letting a far more destructive group go Scott free who are sidetracking vital military supplies in order that beer might be shipped to soldiers. A convoy leaving an eastern port a short time ago left behind several tons of airpales and repairs "because we had to make room for 300,000 cases of beer."

Mrs. Odell, wife of Capt. William C. Odell, one of the pilots who took part in the July 4 raid on western Europe, made this statement, according to the Globe-Democrat of July 11, page 4C, "My husband writes me that our Southern hospitality is nothing compared to British hospitality, and when he first reached England he wrote me to send him gum, tobacco and chocolate, but recently he told me not to, because they now are amply supplied with everything, even American beer."

Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

SPIRITUAL RELIGION THE ONLY ANSWER

By C. W. Thompson, Laurel, Miss.

A man said recently in my presence, "I hope I live until this war is over to see what happens to the world." How far will the devil be allowed to go in his work? What is God going to do? How will man react? These are questions in the minds of many. Will we return to God in repentance and humility or will we go on a spree of sin and worldliness? Will our churches come out stronger or weaker? Will our homes be united or broken? Will morals be elevated or degraded? Will we be better or worse? Will we win a victory with God or go down in defeat without Him? That remains to be seen. We are so great and wise and powerful, it's hard for us to realize our utter dependence upon God, but we are coming. These are not ordinary days. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Great issues are at stake. If it is true that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," and if it is true that "You can not heal the ills of a nation and ignore her morals," then our trouble is internal. Our first need is God and righteousness. God has never changed His attitude toward sin, and we can not claim Him as our ally unless we are on God's side. He will not compromise with sin to save any nation, not even America.

A formal, powerless religion is not enough. Christ must be a reality in our lives. We must be Christian in practice as well as in name. We must deny self, take up the cross, and follow Christ. Many refer today to their cross and they mean some sorrow, sickness or trouble, but this is not the Christian's cross. These are common to the lost as well as the Christian. Every man must bear his own burden. But cross bearing is voluntary. Men choose to do the will of Christ and follow Him at any cost. Self-centered, ease-loving, worldly Christians will never right the evils of this world. We can pull our robes about us and be indifferent to the sins of our day if we dare, but in doing so we must pay a great price. Who knows but that God has called us to the Kingdom for this hour? A soldier from our church writing to thank the church for the Testament given, closed his letter saying: "We will fight and many of us will die for America, but we must have help from you if we are to win the victory. Christ must be our Commander. Pray for us and do your part." Churches do have a part. Our mission is to call men to God. No other institution in this world is in a position to do this. While our boys are dying for the things we love, surely we can renounce the sinful ways of this world and live so we can exalt a living Christ with all authority in heaven and on earth. "If God be for us who can be against us?" Many people are walking now under the heaviest load ever carried, and going through the darkest night of their experience. They are not interested in the spectacular. They come seeking God. How we need to pray and so give ourselves to God that they will find strength in our services. Christ must be recognized in this world before we can have a peace worth dying for. It is the business of the church to lift Him up.

Australia Gets Soda Pop

A few weeks ago a war correspondent from Australia told about how 80 tons of a popular soft drink was shipped there in wooden crates. At the same time one of our American generals was quoted as saying, "I wish I had 80 tons of ammunition." "The pause that refreshes" and the beer that is "true lager" will not keep the Japs and the Germans from making a monkey out of us like they have been doing. Has beer and soda pop been

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the cause of us getting there "too late with too little"?

Is it any wonder that the head of the American railroads has been called the "man with a million headaches"? A Birmingham, Ala., freight agent reports that out of 173 freight cars which were handled there in one day, 124 of them were filled with beer. Talk about bottleneck in transportation, who rejoices more than Mr. Hitler in such a traffic tangle?

Millions in Beer Labels

Not long ago the editor stood and watched a man with a power paper cutter finish cutting a million paper labels for beer bottles. He then started on his second million. This man told me that he cut from three to five million labels each month. This was for only one brand of beer. It takes almost a ton of paper to cut out a million beer labels. The stack is approximately 3x4x4 feet in size. Do you realize how many a million bottles of beer are? How much space will they take up? What will one million bottles of beer do to those who drink it?

There were 7,200,000 bottles of beer in the 300,000 cases mentioned above. This is enough cases to fill every inch of 147 box cars nine feet wide, eight feet high, and thirty-six feet long. When two train loads of beer are put into our cargo ships, is it any wonder that we do not have shipping space to project a second front from England? We demand a second front here in America against graft, greed, saboteurs of shipping, morals and character.

Who Allows Beer Shipped?

Where are the port authorities? Where are the masters of the vessels? Where is the head of the procurement division? Where is the head of the commissary department? Where is the commander of the transportation of supplies? Where is the general at the head of munitions? Where is the commander and chief of the army and navy? Where is the man responsible for the flower of American manhood, who are serving in the armed forces, being handed BEER INSTEAD OF BOMBS to fight a well-equipped, cunning and deadly enemy? WE demand a head for the Allied powers who has a head which is not soaked with liquor.

Where is the man responsible for the curtailing of local delivery of milk to the poor people who have neither mechanical refrigerator nor ice boxes? Who is the foul fiend which still lets beer trucks as big as box cars roam the highways with four, six, eight and ten good tires on them while grocery trucks go off the road?

Who is the man responsible for allowing our citizens to be handed beer and then talk about confiscating the tires of the civilians? Our government hands out beer to its citizens and our enemies will be handing out the bombs to them. When did unrighteousness ever exalt a nation?

Let us get down to business in this dastardly war and get it over with bombs and bullets instead of bluster and beer.—Illinois Baptist.

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GOD'S MAN FOR B. B. I.

Dr. R. G. Lee has declined to accept the presidency of the Baptist Bible Institute.

Wednesday, August 12, at 11:00 a. m. the Trustees will meet again to elect a president. Oh, that they may know God's man! We beg for prayer on their behalf among all our people.

The Prayer Room at the Institute will be kept open and occupied from candlelight on the evening of August 11 through the time of the meeting on the 12th. Let this be a center toward which the heart of every friend of B. B. I. turns during those hours. Let us pray that no self-willed reason, no worldly emphasis, no previous opinion, necessarily, will be allowed to prevail, but that God's will only be sought and found.

With appreciation for your aid, I remain

Yours sincerely,

J. WASH WATTS,

Dean and Acting President.

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Mt. Pisgah, Tallahatchie county: Rev. E. L. Byrd of Holly Springs recently assisted in our meeting. There were 12 additions.—Reporter.

A GREAT MORAL VICTORY

In Montgomery county, the wets after working for a year with a paid advocate, filed with the Board of Supervisors of the county a petition with 725 names, out of 2490 voters in the county, asking for an election to determine whether or not the sale of beer should be legalized in the county. With this large number of petitioners and a year of work the wets thought they had the election "sewed up in a sack." On the petition were the names of most of the business men of Winona—all the lawyers, all the doctors and dentists. The names of so many leading citizens, men and women, and church officials, almost paralyzed us and it seemed futile to fight. Evidently the wets thought we would be too dismayed to fight.

We were faced with the alternative of keeping silent or making a fast and furious fight. We invited Rev. N. S. Jackson, state secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, and called the pastors of the county to meet. We discussed the situation and determined to make the fight, trusting God to help us. The county paper remained neutral but was with the wets. We were shut up to the churches, personal work and the mimeograph. These we used to the fullest extent.

Their plea was, "Business, a camp of 45,000 soldiers would open in four months and the soldiers would not trade in Montgomery county if there was no beer, people demanded beer—they would get it anyway," etc. We met them on their own proposition, made it plain that their pleas were false, and the people arose in vengeance. The proposition to prostitute 45,000 soldiers who were training to defend us was a disgrace.

The election was held, and every precinct in the county gave an overwhelming vote against beer. One precinct gave only one vote for beer and fifty-two against it. There were 725 names on the petition and only 325 votes for beer in the county. There were 1059 votes against beer—more than three to one victory. Starting with Rev. N. S. Jackson, the pastors and just a few other active citizens, the opposition soon became a ground swell. They brought in beer help from Memphis but to no avail. It has been a Christian victory against the organized forces of sin and treachery in this time of war.

J. H. HOLDER.

Winona, Mississippi.

July 28, 1942.

Note: Dr. Holder is pastor of the Winona Methodist Church. Every Baptist pastor and all other pastors responded, and without their active aggressive effort the victory could not have been won. Our God, in whom we trusted, did not fail us. The change in attitude and sentiment on the part of the people was truly marvelous. Your League secretary believes that the same God will help His people to GET BEER OUT of a county as He helped His people to keep it out in Montgomery. Your League is READY for a campaign in ANY county to vote beer out. "So we built the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6.

N. S. JACKSON, Secretary,

Anti-Saloon League.

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A ROYAL WELCOME PLUS A HUG

After more than a year of prolonged furlough in this country, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles managed to secure passage to their loved field of labor in Argentina. In his account of their trip, Mr. Quarles writes: "Yonder, ahead is Godoy Cruz and the city of Mendoza. . . . We are now flying over the city . . . then the Pan-American air field. . . . What a crowd of people down below! . . . We recognize familiar faces. . . . The people reach over the ropes to give us a South American hug. Yes, we were showered with hugs and kisses too. Our fellow passengers got the full benefit of our warm reception. . . . The vice-consul tells Mrs. Quarles that the passengers were asking each other, 'Who on this plane is so important that all these people should come to welcome them?' They found out that the 'important people' were two old and humble Baptist missionaries returning to their post. The vice-consul said, 'It is worth thirty-four years of work, just to be welcomed so heartily.' We think so too."

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"WHAT TO PREACH"

One of the continual problems of the preacher is what to preach. Those preachers, and there are some, who borrow their sermons from books that are pulpit crutches and those who have the habit of going to the barrel, getting out old sermons and preaching them are not bothered very much, neither is their preaching of great consequence. But the preacher who sincerely wants to bring to bear the truth of God on the mind and heart of his people, finds himself frequently puzzled about what to preach. There is no difficulty in getting a sermon. We could pick up a dozen in a week here and there. Our problem is what would God have me to say to the people who would come to hear me preach.

Henry Ward Beecher followed a three year cycle in his preaching. He tells us in his "Yale Lectures on Preaching" that every three years he tried to cover the whole range of Christian truth, doctrine, obligation, and opportunity. There is much to be said for that method. It presumes a continuous pastorate over a long period of years.

We are beginning today a series of these "Pastoral Problems" articles on "What to Preach," which will continue for several weeks.

The critical times through which we are passing make it vitally important that the pulpits of our land give the message that God wants the people to hear now under these stressful circumstances. It is no time for academic talking. It is no time for preachers just to be preaching. We need prophets with compassionate hearts whose souls yearn to declare the whole counsel of God for such a time as this.

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NEWS FROM BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS

The Religious Department has recently celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the opening of the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. During these years more than 324,000 patients have been received. The institution was born in debt, but it is now worth \$3,500,000.

Two very valuable additions have recently been secured for the School of Nursing—Miss Ruth Woolley, a graduate of Blue Mountain College and a graduate of the Hospital, is now at work as an instructor; and Miss Kathleen Manley, a graduate of Carson-Newman and also of this Hospital, is to come September 15th. Miss Manley is one of our missionaries to Africa, who, on account of war conditions is now unable to return.

On July 23 there were 497 patients enrolled—thus breaking all records. For a number of months the admission of patients has been increasing.

Rev. L. S. Ewton, of Grace Baptist Church, Nashville, and Rev. Dwight H. Willett of the First Church Erwin, have recently been to the Hospital for treatment.

A new class of students will enter for training October 1. The demand for nurses is increasing day by day. Young ladies between 18 and 30 who are high school graduates and of good character and preferably devout Christians are subject to admission. In addition to these qualifications they should come well recommended by at least two responsible persons, preferably a pastor and a physician. Those interested should send a letter to Miss Myrtle Archer, director of the School of Nursing, giving full particulars.

A. U. BOONE, Chairman.

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Damascus, Franklin county: Our revival at Damascus resulted in six additions. Thirty-two persons pledged to tithe. We can see a new day for Damascus. We have been enjoying The Baptist Record for the last four weeks, and I am sure at the next business session of the church it will be adopted 100 percent. Rev. Solie Smith was the evangelist.—Tom L. Pfeifer, pastor.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FACULTY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, QUITMAN, MISS.
W. L. Meadows, Superintendent; Mrs. Hattie Garrison, Principal; Mr. Johnnie Carlson, Mrs. Elizabeth McLendon, Misses Frances Wilson, Margaret McNeill, Annette McNeal, Fannie Will Clark, Mary Bell Grayson, Bettie Jean Neal, Freddie Mae Ivey.

WHAT CHURCHES CAN AND SHOULD DO FOR MEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Chaplain James A. Bryant
4th Mtd. Div. Arty.
Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga.

It is well to have zeal for the welfare of our men in the armed services, but that zeal should be based on knowledge and information. A knowledge of our present world problems, the will of God for you as an individual, and information as to the spiritual status of the men about whom you are concerned, I give a few general and specific matters that should receive the earnest consideration of pastors, churches and parents.

1. Give public and private recognition to the men of your community who are engaged in our armed services. In giving this recognition—be sure that your patriotism for country does not overshadow your loyalty to Christ and his world program of redemption. List the names on a church roster, whether the men are Christian or not. Those who are not Christians, seek their salvation NOW. You have waited a long time, but they can be reached if you'll make the effort.

2. The pastor, the Sunday School teacher, the parents, should write a letter to the soldiers or sailors and tell them about interesting things going on in the church life. Emphasize the spiritual. Show that you are carrying forward the work of the Kingdom, and making our nation worth dying for. We are a long ways from God as a nation. The night is far spent. We are engaged in destroying the world. You must be busy laying the foundation, or clear off the debris from the foundation we already have, so that the world may be rebuilt along the lines of God's will. You must create a little heaven in your church community, so that when your men return from the hell of destruction, they can find rest, spiritual resuscitation and development.

3. Send the church bulletin, the denominational paper.

4. Send a package of church envelopes and encourage the members of the church to contribute regularly to the church budget. This is a spiritual service to the men. They want to know it. I know, we are doing it.

5. Write to the chaplain who serves your son, or brother, and tell him what the man can do. Show your interest.

6. Write to the lost men from your community who are in the armed services. Beg them to give their hearts to Christ now. It may be your last chance. Everybody should be on somebody's heart NOW.

7. Your pastors and churches that are located near the defense areas or where large concentrations of troops are: Don't seek to build up your congregations at the expense of the chaplain's program. Don't take the only good singers, the

only spiritually-minded men in the chaplain's program and harness them to your church program. If the chaplain is God's man (if he is not, God pity him), he has a program calculated to reach the men, keep them enlisted in the work of the kingdom, and win the lost to Christ. He must have a nucleus of saved men, consecrated men, to help him carry forward the program of Christ in the camps. Don't steal his sheep, help him save the goats.

6. Keep in constant touch with the men and encourage them to take an active part in the chaplain's program. If he doesn't have a program, join in prayer for him that God will save him, work him over, or move him where he can do no harm. Fire the men with the sanctity of their high and holy mission. Ours is a great nation. Some areas of it are worth dying for. Frankly, some of it is not. But on the whole, generally speaking, our spiritual qualities are the main fortress of the kingdom of God in the world today. We need refining, and I think we are in the process of getting that! And we need to launch out and by incessant prayer, penitence, witnessing, and by the grace of God call down extra power, all the power God can trust us with, and expect and require from God—reverently—humbly—penitently—but PERSISTENTLY—the same redeeming, transforming power that has saved the day for His Kingdom on countless similar occasions in the world's history.

Christians, let's don't sleep at the switch: "Ye have not because ye ask not." Prov. 15:7. "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with Him." Quit pleasing men, try to please God! "It pleased God by the simplicity of preaching to save that that believe." Without faith it is impossible to please Him. All things are possible to him that believeth. For it is God that worketh in you—your life is hid with Christ in God. In Him I am able for anything. Do you you believe this? Then demonstrate it! It will take demonstration NOW. The time is past when talking, etc., etc., will help. The occasion demands the use of God's heavy artillery! Jer. 32:17. "Ah, Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power, and stretched out arm, and THERE IS NOTHING TOO HARD FOR THEE."

I charge you under God, to remember me, all the chaplains, every day, when you talk to the Father. Something must give and I have a suspicion that it will be our sins, our laziness, our spiritual lethargy. A revival must come! God must demonstrate His power now. But He must have some vehicles, some channels. Bring out all the old buggies, wheelbarrows, wagons, the mules, the sacks, anything that will hold the grace of God, and let's reach the objective for the glory of Him whom one day we must meet face to face.

SHOULD I SMOKE? A High School Boy Considers the Question Hugh Mainord First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Advertising

All of us should know that much advertising is untruthful. Yet, it is surprising how we are deceived by it. Advertisements by tobacco companies are among the most deceiving. Silver-tongued radio orators plead the superiority of their sponsor's brand of cigarettes. Handsomely paid artists draw happy and wise looking young people smoking different brands of cigarettes. Testimonials of well-known people are paid for in tempting sums if they will permit their pictures to be shown with the advertiser's brand of cigarette. Their goal is "a cigarette in the mouth of every man, woman, boy and girl in the United States and eventually in the world."

Recognizing the effects of tobacco on our youth, the National Education Association put on record the following statement:

"The rapid increase in cigarette smoking among people of all ages and both sexes, and especially growing boys, is not only a cause for alarm; it is a call to arms."

Why People Smoke

People start smoking for numerous reasons. The advertisements get results. It is estimated that 1,200 boys begin the cigarette habit every day in this country. The approximate average consumption for men is twenty cigarettes a day, while for women smokers it is eleven a day. Over ten cigarettes daily is considered heavy smoking.

These percentages are not enough to please the tobacco companies; they are appealing more and more to women and girls, especially. They want them early in life because millions of habitual smokers mean millions of dollars for the tobacco companies.

There are many other reasons for starting to smoke. Some people start in order that they might attract attention. Most people like to be noticed and they know that smokers are more conspicuous than non-smokers. (But who wants to be conspicuous!)

Some boys and girls begin because they are dared to do it. Others feel that "everybody is doing it." Everybody wants to be happy, and some think smoking will make them happy. Some people smoke from a lack of courage. They do not want to smoke. They know its evils but they do not have what it takes to stand fearlessly alone, true to one's honest convictions. Some boys smoke to appear "grown-up," unmindful that smoking stunts physical growth. Some girls smoke to be "smart," stylish, or sophisticated. Mostly people begin smoking for no particular reason, but for lack of a reason as to why they will profit by not smoking. It does not take intelligence to smoke.

Testimonies on the Evil Effects of the Cigarette

The testimonies of prominent people who do not smoke show many reasons for not using tobacco. The late Dan Beard of Boy Scout fame said:

"The boy who reaches the high position in the social or business world is the deep-chested, broad-shouldered, ruddy-cheeked vigorous youth who keeps his temple clean so that the



Vacation Bible School Group, First Baptist Church, Quitman, Miss. Enrollment, 120. Orphanage offering \$17.00.

"Commanding faith looks only to God, leans on every promise of God, longs for the hidden power of God and lingers in perseverance before God until the answer comes."—J. O. Williams.

"War is a tragedy. It is wrong to do it and it is worse not to do it. A student asked me if I were a conscientious objector, and I replied that most certainly I conscientiously object to what Hitler is doing. I am willing to pay the price and have already given a son to the cause."—Gaines S. Dobbins.

light within him can shine and give confidence to everyone he meets."

Madame Schumann-Heink:

"I want you to know that I have never smoked, and I never will, I think, and I say it with all my heart, that it is a crime that you girls are poisoning your young bodies by smoking cigarettes."

Coach Alonzo Stagg, of the University of Chicago:

"From personal observation with athletes who have been addicted to the use of tobacco, I can speak with confidence that they do not possess the endurance of athletes who have grown up free from the use of it."

Former Heavyweight Champion Gene Tunney:

"As director of the navy's physical fitness program, I can bluntly say that few things could be worse for physical fitness than promoting the cigarette habit. Sentimentalists will object: 'Why deprive the boys of the innocent pleasure of tobacco?' My reply is: 'Should our citizen army be less rigidly conditioned than a college football team?'"

Our Responsibility to God

The Scriptures warn us against harming our bodies:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:19-20).

Other helpful Scripture references are: I Thessalonians 4:4 and I Corinthians 3:16-17.—Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

We have given the outline through chapter 29. We are beginning this week's study with number 15 in the outline. (Do not forget that most of the suggestions for this study come from "Studies in the Prophecy of Jeremiah," by G. Campbell Morgan.)

15. The Everlasting Love or the Tone of Hope. Chapters 30-33.

These four chapters stand out in striking contrast to the general tone of the book. The prophet was shut up in the court of the guard—things had gone from bad to worse in the life of the nation and now the army of Nebuchadnezzar was outside the city walls. Could any hour be darker or any circumstances more calculated to fill the heart with despair? Yet it was under these circumstances that the prophetic note rose to the high music of perfect confidence and brought hopefulness. Have you visualized the prophet of God in his surroundings as a captive of this rebellious and sinful people?

God speaks to the prophet and gives him a glimpse of His love for His people as He promises to bring them back to possess the land which He gave to their fathers. However the process of restoration is described. The note of sorrow upon sorrow is sounded; but the ultimate is that of joy. These chapters touch that it is through trouble that the people of God are brought to triumph. Through tribulation and affliction, peace and joy must come. He tells them that the fierce anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has fully accomplished the designs of His mind; and that in the end of the days they will understand His dealings. Then He speaks, "Jehovah appeared of old unto me saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore have I drawn thee." This reveals God's patience in His dealings with the sinful and disobedient nations. Through processes of pain, God resolutely, in the strength of love that is too strong to falter, leads to the fulfillment of high purpose. God's dealings are always in loving kindness.

Paul in writing to the Romans, exclaims, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Let us never forget that God has never left Himself without witness, maintaining allegiance to Himself; and to them He speaks declaring His everlasting love.

16. A Mixture of Prophecy and Narrative. Chapters 34-39.

The prophet was faithful in delivering God's messages to the king; telling him he would be seized and taken captive by the king of Babylon, but he would not die of the sword but in peace. He reminded King Zedekiah of a covenant he had made with his people concerning slavery, that he did not keep. He also reminded him of the way he had followed in the footsteps of his fathers in disobedience.

Then Jeremiah gave an example of the obedience of the Rachabites to the commandments of their fathers and the reward for their fidelity, in contrast to the disobedience of the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to the commandments of God even though God had spoken to them over and over. (See chapter 19 of Studies in the

Prophecy of Jeremiah by Morgan for a full discussion.)

Note the faithfulness of God in giving the people another chance. Jeremiah was still in prison but he had the prophet to call in Baruch and dictate to him all the word He had spoken to him and send Baruch with the written word on a scroll and read it to the people. This was done and a request came to him to go and read the words to the princes. The princes in turn reported this to the king. The king requested them to bring the scroll to him. As the word was read the king took his penknife and cut it to pieces and burned it. God's word cannot be destroyed—O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord.

The 37th chapter has a very significant question coming from a suffering king. He had Jeremiah brought to him out of the dungeon-cells, and inquired, "Is there any word from the Lord?" The prophet repeated again the judgment of the Lord without fear. Why did the king not listen to this earnest plea? He sent again for the prophet and he continued to warn him but to no avail.

Jeremiah had proclaimed the word of God, denouncing the sins of the people, calling them to repentance, and foretelling the fall of Jerusalem as inevitable if they continued in their sins, for forty long years, and now the capture of Jerusalem has become a fact. The slowness of the divine method was the outcome of God's compassion, which gave the rebellious nation every opportunity to return, but they would not.

How persistently Jeremiah declared the fact of divine judgment, side by side with the fact of divine mercy and the divine compassion. God is not without His witnesses in any age. What a remedy He has given for our sins in the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus. We see God's heart of compassion in the words of Jesus as He said, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! How often would I have gathered my children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings and ye would not! Behold your house is left unto you desolate." A holy God has to punish sin!

Negro Institutes

Two years ago in cooperation with the Woman's Missionary Union of the South, we held a one-day institute for the leaders and the prospective leaders of our Baptist Negro women in the state. Last year Mississippi joined Alabama and Georgia in a week's institute in Selma, Alabama. This summer we are planning four regional institutes in our state; time and places as follows:

Clarksdale—First Baptist Church (colored) August 11.

Jackson—Mount Calvary Baptist Church, August 12.

Meridian—Union Baptist Church, 38th Avenue and Davis Street, August 13.

Hattiesburg—Antioch Baptist Church, August 14.

We are asking you who are interested in helping our Negro friends to become more efficient in their leadership, to help by providing transportation if necessary and to encourage them to attend. Woman's Missionary Union of the South is sending us some of the Negro leaders to assist in the program. We would be happy to have some of the interested white women present.

(Every member of W. M. S., Business Women's Circle and Y. W. A. may secure a copy of these for individual use by writing to W. M. U. office.)

Self-Searching Questions

The Committee of the Margaret Lackey Season

of Prayer for State Missions has planned to put the special emphasis on PRAYER, as we labor to build up the walls of Jerusalem, and strive to strengthen the Kingdom of God within the boundaries of our own state.

Realizing our own weaknesses and at many times our half-hearted service, we agreed that a list of self-searching questions with suggested passages of Scripture be assembled and published, and that all members be encouraged to use them in a searching of their own hearts, seeking to locate any weaknesses in their personal lives that might possibly retard their spiritual growth.

(We are indebted to the Southern Union for these Self-Searching Questions used in the Golden Jubilee in 1938.)

In the Secret of His Presence—

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." II Cor. 13:5.

As to Personal Faith and Development

1. Have I truly submitted myself to Him as Lord of my life? Luke 6:46-49.
2. Am I persistent in the habit of regular communion with God? Isa. 40:31.
 - (a) Do I read, with understanding, His Word daily? Acts 17:11.
 - (b) Do I have a personal prayer time, which I spend alone with Him each day? Luke 18:11; Matt. 6:5-6.
3. Does my religion help me—
 - (a) To get a right sense of life's values? Isa. 55:8-9.
 - (b) To have courage to face vital issues in Christian living? I Peter 3:13-17.
 - (c) To resist temptation? Eph. 6:10-18.
4. Do I have an ever-increasing sensitiveness to the needs of others? Mark 6:32-37.
5. Am I convinced that the teachings of Jesus are adequate to heal the world's ills? Matt. 11:2-6.
6. Do I believe in the ultimate triumph of the Gospel of Jesus? Phil. 2:9-11.
7. What evidence is there in my life that He abides in me and I in Him? John 15:4-5.

My Faith in Relation to Others

1. Does my faith send me forth to serve with joy and power? II Thes. 1:11-12.
2. Does Christ's Spirit of ministering love constantly motivate my life? Matt. 20:25-28.
 - (a) Patient and willing service to the poor, the aged and the unfortunate? Matt. 25:35-36.
 - (b) Free from class, national and race prejudice? Acts 10:27-28.
 - (c) Free from envy and jealousy? I Cor. 13:4-5.
 - (d) Patient toward criticism? Eph. 3:13; Prov. 15:1.
3. Am I deeply concerned about those who do not know Christ—near?—far? John 4:35-36; Matt. 9:38.
 - (a) What influence have I in leading others to accept Christ? I Cor. 11:1.
 - (b) Do I personally try to win souls to Him? If not, why not? Psalms 51:12-13; Dan. 2:3.
4. Am I by precept and example helping youth to build Christian character?
 - (a) In the home? the church? the community? Deut. 6:7-9.
 - (b) Do I have family worship in my home? II Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15.
5. Do I seek to make every contact in life count for Christ, by my manner of life and, where possible, by spoken word? Family? Social? Recreational? Business? Civic Heb. 6:11-12; Prov. 25:11.

My Faithfulness

As a church member—

1. What of my sincerity and vitality as a church member? Rev. 3:15-16.
2. What contribution do I make to the life of my

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church:

- (a) Do I pray definitely for it, the pastor and officers? Col. 4:12-13.
 - (b) Do I attend its worship services regularly? Psalms 26:8.
 - (c) Do I encourage others to attend? Heb. 10:25.
 - (d) Do I give to all its causes and how adequately do my gifts express my devotion to Jesus Christ? Mark 12:41-42.
3. In my desire to devote time and interest to the many fine things in life such as women's clubs, Parent Teachers' Association, reading good literature, social contacts, etc., do I put Christ and His church with its activities first? Matt. 6:38.
 4. Am I informed concerning Kingdom affairs? How much time do I spend in reading devotional, missionary and other religious literature? I Tim. 4:13.
 5. What is my attitude toward and my participation in the whole missionary and educational program of my church? Matt. 28:19-20.

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PRAYING FOR THE PRESIDENT'S EYES
TO BE OPENED

Up to the present time we have had but little to encourage us in this war, by way of hopes, for an early victory. All unbiased minded, and unblinded people readily agree that the beer and liquor traffic are serious menaces to the entire program of defense, and that something needs to be done to remove this unnecessary barrier from our war efforts.

The people of these United States will never take the President's warnings seriously, for the rationing of anything, until his eyes are opened to the unnecessary waste that is going on in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages. Why should the public think that there is any need for the rationing of sugar as long as beer and whisky are made so freely? Why should the public think that there is any need for the rationing of tires as long as we see thousands and thousands of pounds of tires on beer trucks transporting it over long distances, and at high speed? If the manufacture and sale of beer and whisky were in any way essential to our endeavors to win this war we would not be so disturbed over materials that go into its manufacture and sale, but to the contrary all right thinking people recognize that it is one of the greatest detriments to our present defense efforts.

Our men in the service of our country can not be efficient as long as they are allowed to consume intoxicating beverages. This statement is so obviously true that argument is uncalled for to those who are intelligent, and argument is to no avail to those who are wilfully blind to appalling conditions.

Religious bodies all over America have sent resolutions to the President bemoaning the sad plight of our beloved country as a result of our low moral conditions growing out of the liquor and beer industry. He has been petitioned repeatedly to spare our soldiers from the destruction that comes through allowing the free use of something that destroys the body, damns the soul, and defeats nations. So far he has turned a deaf ear, a hard heart, and blinded eye to the earnest pleas that have been made to him. It is, therefore, high time for all of the Christians of America to pray that God will open the eyes of the President. William Tyndale lay dying at the hands of his persecutors, and prayed that God would open the eyes of the king of England. America is dying under the curse which God has placed upon drunkenness, and we should join, with one accord, in prayer to Almighty God to open the eyes of our President that he might behold conditions as they are, and do something about them. Then, and only then will the public take him seriously on any conservation measures. I earnestly challenge all who may read this to begin a prayer crusade, and that we pray for the above eye opening which is so much needed, and pray every day until the answer comes.

J. HAROLD STEPHENS,
First Baptist Church,
Cookeville, Tenn.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND
CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

I

Don't give up when the ship goes down—
Grab a spar or something—just refuse to drown;
Don't think you are dying just because you're hit;
Smile in the face of danger and hang to your grit.
Folks die too easy—they sort of fade away;
Make a little error and give up in dismay.
Kind of man that's needed is the man of ready wit,
To laugh at pain and trouble and keep up his grit.

II

We have believed in "the preacher practicing that he preaches."

We think a leader should at least try to lead in deed, as well as in word!

This week in figuring our Now Club contributions what a joy it was to find we had overpaid our \$500 Now Club Certificate by nearly \$100. We had just been too busy to total it earlier.

This is the largest single pledge we have ever made to a particular cause. We are happy as we go on in it all!

III

Re: The June 1, 1942 Bond call permit us to say we paid \$60,000 cash out of our own reserves and re-financed \$75,000 at 3%.

We saved \$54,000 minimum on that call. We had allowed for re-financing \$100,000 at 3% for an entire year.

We expect Mississippi Baptists to clear the above \$75,000 within a few months. It will be done at the present rate of income.

At the next call we should call \$100,000 of our bonds. We may then re-finance the balance at 3% without paying commission or attorney fees. We will then refund that during the following year. That is our present schedule.

We need to speed up Now Club pledging and paying to guarantee 100% Victory!

Money is already in hand to care for December

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THE APPEAL OF A HEART-BROKEN
MISSIONARY

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giving is unworthy of our good neighbor policy toward China. China is our first line of defense and must receive immediately all possible aid from our people. Millions in Europe and in China are pleading for bread. Let us do more for both. I am pleading not that less be given to Europe, but that gifts for China be increased.

"Too Little Too Late"—We are no longer in danger of doing that; we are at this sad hour guilty of just that. The liberal response of the contributing churches indicates that our goal of \$300,000 was too low. How about voluntarily raising it to half a million? We can do it. Have we Southern Baptists not contributed to world relief some \$800,000 in four years? Yes. Have not our churches given nearly \$400,000 for Emergency World Relief since January 1? Yes. And all concerned are profoundly grateful to every contributor to this fund. We have witnessed generous and joyous giving, and gifts to the Co-operative Program and all other objects have increased remarkably. But five million Baptists should have given double that amount. Many have worked, hoped, and prayed, for an offering of one-half million dollars during these few months. I am now of the opinion that we should already have had that amount if the non-contributing had given in proportion to the contributing churches. This movement needs more backers and fewer slackers. At this writing the indications are that nearly all the states will reach their apportionment. It is earnestly hoped that offerings from all contributing churches will continue to pour in until we have food, not only for one in ten, but for all. Why not? It can be done.

Sad Plights—The missionaries find from one to ten dead bodies at their front gate every morning. The mother and child in one family of four died of hunger on the steps of the hospital to which the

1942 maturities. We have no more bond maturities then until 1952.

IV

We continue in His work. We list more churches "Over-the-Top" in Now Club as of July 28th.

Bethany—Lauderdale.
Fellowship—Lauderdale.
New Hope—Lauderdale.
Pine Grove—Lauderdale.
Bogue Chitto—Lincoln.
Clear Branch—Lincoln.
Philadelphia—Lincoln.
Pleasant Grove—Lincoln.
Athens—Monroe.
Sardis—Neshoba.
Laurel Hill—Neshoba.
Linwood—Neshoba.
New Black Jack—Neshoba.
Wayside—Yalobusha.

V

We are glad to present Miss Martha Joy Stone, the youngest member, so far as we know, of the



MARY JOY STONE

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Stone, Jackson, Mississippi.

Now Club. She is six months of age. She could hardly write her name so we had to be satisfied with her just touching the pen for her signature to the pledge. She paid the pledge of \$50 in cash, anyway. That is a good way to start out in life, "paying all obligations in full."

Little Miss Martha Joy is the attractive

missionary took them. Chinese pastors and teachers with their wives are slowly starving that the little ones in the home may have food. Refugee students are suffering from malnutrition. Some twelve thousand of these forty-five thousand refugee students are from Christian schools. The "Warphans" (war orphans) have not been forgotten. Madame Chiang Kai-Shek says, "I am putting my heart into the movement to save the children of China." Let us all put our hearts into saving the famished children of the world.

Plain Speech About Our Responsibility—Through these famine sufferers Jesus is saying to us earnestly, "I am hungry, thirsty, cold, sick, in prison." This is the judgment day for millions of Baptists as well as others. Let us not forget that the "inasmuch" of Jesus is commendatory to those who minister to the needy in His name, and condemnatory to those who fail to minister to those whom He loves. Surely, the non-contributing churches and their pastors will respond to the urgent appeal of our Lord "at such a time as this." Surely, our responsibility to all these suffering multitudes is tremendous and is inescapable. Therefore, in view of these things, let us all do our best to "rescue the perishing," lest we also shall perish.

What One or More Dollars Will Do In China—One dollar will exchange into \$20 Chinese.

5c will feed a starving child.

5½c will pay for one clinic treatment.

6c will provide ether for one major operation.

\$2 will provide food and shelter in a refugee camp for a month.

\$5 will disinfect the wounds of 250 people.

\$10 will disinfect drinking water for 25,000 people.

\$50 will provide emergency treatment for scores of air raid victims.

\$100 will endow a bed in a mission hospital for one year.

"God so loved the world that He gave . . ."; let us also love and give. Send all offerings for World Relief to your state secretary.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

AND A STUDENT SHALL LEAD THEM

Rev. A. R. Smith is pastor of Goshen and Decatur Baptist Churches. He is a student at Clarke College but he does not let this interfere with his pastoral work. In fact, he does a good job of both. Recently he has sent in two EVERY FAMILY lists and as we have not heard from him in a couple of weeks we take it for granted that these two churches make up his field.



REV. A. R. SMITH

Pastor Smith attended one of the McCall-Goodrich lunches in the late spring. He heard the EVERY FAMILY Plan explained, he talked with some of those who had the EVERY FAMILY Plan and every one of those so questioned spoke favorably of the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

He then explained the EVERY FAMILY Plan to his churches and there was the usual result—they adopted it.

WE SUGGEST THIS PLAN OF PROCEDURE TO MANY OTHERS.

Newton county now has Record readers listed as follows: Sulphur Springs 1, BETHEL 11, Chunky 2, Conehatta 1, Cross Roads 3, DECATUR 25, HICKORY 69, Lawrence 2, Little Rock 1, NEWTON 154, STRATTON 23, UNION 139, Zion 1, Midway 2, Good Hope 1, Rock Branch 6, Macedonia 1, Mt. Vernon 1, Fellowship 6, Roberts 1.

Dollars and Cents Proof

Not only does The Baptist Record pay spiritual and inspirational dividends, but it often pays in dollars and cents, and here is the actual proof: At the Ridgecrest Sunday School Week a resident of a Mississippi delta town went by train and paid the fare, which amounted to about \$22 for the round trip. Upon arriving at Ridgecrest this party was astounded to find that a Sunday school bus had been run for a round trip fare of only \$7.50. When he wondered why he didn't hear about the bus he was reminded that had he been a reader of The Baptist Record he would have known about this bus. He vowed that hereafter he would be a subscriber.

Twenty-two dollars less seven-fifty equals \$14.50. The Record does pay, sometimes as much as \$14.50 for one issue.

The List Grows Longer

More churches adopt popular EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Among churches recently adopting the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record are:

Antioch, Jeff Davis county, Barney Padgett, pastor; Antioch, Simpson, Herman Milner; Bethel, Copiah, M. P. Jones; Berea, Attala, H. H. Ward; Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln), Bogue Chitto, M. J. Anderson; New Zion, Walthall, W. L. Sewell; New Salem, Attala, H. H. Ward; Nicholson, Pearl River, L. P. Petty; Pattison, Claiborne, Barney Padgett.

Sick Pastor Finds Helpful Supply

Dear Brother Goodrich:

I have just returned home from the hospital at

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shut off the radio and sat thinking, praying, waiting for the day. A voice seemed to say "Thou art the man." During those few minutes I had become, by pre-arrangement, the Board's treasurer for China. Wild plans and incoherent thoughts coursed through my mind, a mind that seemed to glow as an overcharged electric globe. Then came prayer. Then came calm. Then came order and lucidity. In a short time I had evolved a system of bookkeeping, and determined upon immediate steps to be taken to obtain money and transfer it to the various stations, and to secure reliable information concerning our missionaries in Hongkong and occupied areas and transmit it to our Board and the host of anxious loved ones in America.

The latter activity was soon recognized to be one of the most important of my new office. What a joy it has been to be of some small service in this particular!

Yesterday a huge number of letters came, from many states north and south, from Canada, from Hawaii and from other countries. The postage-due fines totaled \$168.75. But that was soon forgotten. There were letters from grateful wives, from anxious parents and from distracted children. As I read these letters and parts of those headed "Darling Sweetheart," "Precious Daddy," and the like the tears without volition streamed down my cheeks. One said, "If you can't get this letter through, please hold it and some day, I hope before too long, God willing, he will be free to receive and send mail." Yes, you brave, wonderful wife and mother, your distinguished sweetheart is in God's hands—and no hands could be more loving and tender. Another said, "I'll pay you some day some way." Oh! How we love these people! How the heart aches for them in their anxiety! And how gladly we do anything and everything possible to be of any service in their extremity!

Very soon it became apparent that our work in free China had also been disjointed. So it was necessary to plan for the immediate present. After prolonged meditation, certain broad policies were formed. A few are listed: (1) No worthy Baptist worker must be dismissed. (2) All workers must be paid living salaries based upon local economic conditions but general in application. (3) All worthy Baptist workers evacuating from occupied areas must be employed. (4) All Baptist schools moving from occupied areas must be assisted. (5) A field-wide, simultaneous, evangelistic campaign must be urged and supported. These policies are in actual operation today and already plans for enlistment and short-term Bible schools are being perfected. Early reports indicate God's rich blessings upon these special efforts.

Absorbing and exacting as the immediate present is, we must prepare to meet the crisis that will follow peace. Mission work in China will never be the same. Just what form will it take? Certainly

Sanatorium. I am feeling fine, but will not be able to do any work this summer.

I have just read your letter of the 29th in regard to the subscriptions by _____ church. I am sending \$1.00 for another month. Please continue sending them The Record, for I don't know any better way to give them the gospel, and at the same time enlighten them about the work of our denomination. It surely is a good supply pastor. Yours in the Lord's service.

Notice that this good pastor, from his own experience makes two claims for the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record:

1. That it is a good way to enlighten his members.
 2. It is a good supply pastor.
- It is still true that churches with The Baptist Record usually do more and better than those without it.

And He Will Do It

"I am enclosing a partial list of the families of _____. It is a hard place to get to do anything but I have not quit yet. I am going to keep on till they wake up." How we do wish all pastors would do likewise.



OUT AGAIN: ON AGAIN

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ern convenience when so many people worse off could not be taken in. Yet Dr. Bristow insisted that I stay on. I stayed six days and what the doctors and nurses did to me was a plenty.

The debt? Well there are debts and debts. Some debts are like paying for a dead mule, others are like owing for a team that is helping make the crop. The debt upon the New Orleans hospital is a self-liquidating debt. It is the result of new buildings and equipment that enable the hospital to render larger service and more than pay for itself in a little while. The capital improvements made in the last few years are worth far more than the capital debt. The assets (June 30) amount to \$1,321,706.87 while the capital debt is only about \$300,000. And this includes a new building with sixty rooms costing about \$100,000 now in course of construction.

By the way, the federal government offered to give this hospital \$350,000 cash without strings, for enlargement to help it render a greater service to war casualties (I saw the papers awaiting signature of acceptance). But the hospital board declined to accept the offer. Our insistence upon absolute separation of church and state cost the hospital \$350,000. We who believe that they did right ought to back up our belief by substantial gifts. \$100,000 is needed now.

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Alcohol and Physical Tests.—When the test is in games or trials of physical strength, running, mountain climbing, marching, or taking dictation, arithmetic, responding to signals of light or sound, the result is always the same, a less good performance when alcohol has depressed the mind and muscle.—Haven Emerson, M.D.

the majority of remaining missionaries should return to America as soon as possible—those whose furloughs are past due and those who have been bearing up bravely under the terrific strain but who may break with the reaction following peace. How are we going to meet that situation? Now is the time to start planning.

Again, what form will our mission work take after peace? Are we going to "build a city" on the same old plan? Or shall we meet new conditions with new methods? Right now, and on out, in seeking God's will as we think of future program and method, we need to appropriate that promise of the grand old prophet Isaiah: "And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

No one can say when peace may come. Some say one year, some say ten years. Come soon, come late, we must lay our plans well and wisely, always remembering that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."—Wuchow, Kwongsi, China, May 25, 1942.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

JOHN A. FARMER, Associate Secretary

BIBLE STUDY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Herman L. King

Tremendous things are happening in our day. Nations are in a death grapple on the far flung battle fronts. Thousands of our own men are entering the armed forces of our nation to engage in this mighty struggle to preserve our liberty. On our industrial front, men and machines are working with ever-increasing rapidity. More than 50,000,000 are now employed in this all-out production effort. This speed-up in production has resulted in a 60 per cent increase in Sunday employment during the past six months, and a great shift of the population to the war production centers. Our Sunday schools are losing large numbers of their members due to these causes. Every section of our Southland has been affected.

These conditions seriously affect the life of our people. Normal home life for them has been seriously disrupted. They have congregated in the war production areas from all sections of the country, and from all walks of life. All races and creeds are crowded into small areas. These factors contribute to a general let-down in morals. Men and women who have never before worked on Sunday are now forced to labor seven days each week. With fathers and mothers working on Sunday little interest is manifested in the church and usually the children are not enrolled in Sunday school. Few will deny the ill effects which result from Sunday employment upon the spiritual life of the people as well as their home relationships. The Lord's Day cannot be desecrated without its deadening and detrimental effects. God and God alone can step into this breach and bring our people safely through. The churches and their outreaching agencies will be the media through which God will work.

Southern Baptists now have their greatest missionary opportunity. These thousands of men, women and children are living under circumstances vastly different from those previous to the emergency, but they are the same people with even greater spiritual needs. They can be enrolled in our Sunday schools, but these conditions have made them more difficult to reach. Greater efforts must be put forth and our program of enlistment must be adjusted to meet this situation. About 30 per cent of our people must work on Sunday or on a night shift which prevents their attendance at our Sunday morning services. However, these people can enjoy Bible study privileges through the ministry of the Extension department of the Sunday school. No new organization is needed, but it will be necessary to properly evaluate and utilize the ministry of the Extension department of the Sunday school.

The Extension department ministry is performed for the members in their homes and places of business by visitors elected by the church. The church territory is divided into districts and workers assigned to each district. The visitor for each district seeks every person living in that ter-

ritory who cannot attend the Sunday school, and seeks to enroll them as members. The members are supplied with Bibles, quarterlies, and record envelopes. A spiritual ministry is provided for them through Bible study which is guided by the visitor who seeks to win them to Christ, church membership, and active Christian service.

In addition to the ministry to the men and women working on Sunday we must not overlook the opportunity of serving those who are serving in our armed forces. These men should be enrolled in the Extension department before they leave, and be ministered to by correspondence. They should be provided with a Bible, the quarterly especially prepared for them, *On Duty For God and Country*, and the regular church bulletin. A special group of workers should be trained for this correspondence task. We must not fail to minister to the spiritual needs of our men in service when they need the prayer and encouragement of our churches most.

The Extension department seems to have come into existence for just such a time as this. There is a pressing need at this time that every Sunday school avail itself of the advantages offered by an active Extension department. If your Sunday school will organize an Extension department, the Baptist Sunday School Board will send free of charge the material necessary for getting your department started.

Ridgecrest, Here We Come!

Miss Mary Story

Saturday morning, July 11, at eight o'clock a number of us from various places were gathered at Meridian waiting for the buses. About nine they arrived with those who had been picked up earlier. Greetings and introductions over, we boarded and were off very capably directed by Mr. Williams and John Farmer. Miss Madison was sure we knew our state song before we struck out.

Very congenial groups made up the party on each bus and it wasn't long before each one knew everyone else and we were settled for the two-day trip that did not contain a dull moment, what with the songs, jokes, and wisecracks that came from the most unexpected source at just the right time.

Saturday night found us in Chattanooga, comfortably situated in the Plaza Hotel. Sunday morning we left this most friendly city for the rest of the trip that took us through Smoky Mountain National Park, New Found Gap, Cherokee Indian Reservation, and, though it was not supposed to, by one of the most beautiful lakes of the TVA project—Lake Ocoee.

The air was constantly pierced by exclamations of wonder and awe at the beauty and grandeur of flowers, streams, and mountain views or screams of fear as someone suddenly became aware of the sheer drop from the road down a mountain side. Stops were made all along to take pictures or just to get a better view of the scene before us. At such times we wondered how any person could dare

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

Called and Accepted

O. C. Rainwater, First, Harriman, Tenn.

S. J. Rhodes, Angie, La.

Wm. Robinson, Supply Pastor, College Ave., Bluefield, Va.

E. F. Royal, Chaplain, U. S. Army.

W. W. Rozell, Hillcrest church, San Angelo, Texas.

Jeff Rutherford, Fairfax, Okla.

Aubrey Short, First, Spur, Texas.

F. C. Stephenson, Jr., First, Hamilton, Mo.

Leonard Stigler, First, Paul's Valley, Okla.

Gordon Stirling, Socorro, New Mexico.

John Strutton, Immanuel, Duncan, Okla.

Geo. W. Tidwell, Baptist Temple, Louisville, Ky.

R. P. Tomlinson, Idlewild, Tampa, Fla.

S. E. Tull, First, W. Helena, Ark.

Ray C. Watson, Logan, N. M.

F. A. Whitely, Nodena, Ark.

Fred H. Wilhoite, First, Waynewood, Okla.

Resigned

F. C. Stephenson, Jr., Nelson and Bethlehem, Mo.

Leonard Stigler, Marlow, Okla.

John Strutton, Lone Wolf, Okla.

W. S. Thompson, Bluff City, Tenn.

C. A. Voyles, Greenville, Texas.

W. W. Webb, Newbern, Tenn.

home, in the store, in the office, plow-

to say, "there is no God."

About ten-thirty we reached our destination—Ridgecrest! We registered, rooms were assigned, and we prepared for the busy, happy week ahead.

PRAYER CHAIN STARTS AT EUPORA

Pastor J. R. Reedy's Call For Volunteers Answered Enthusiastically

A Chain of Prayers, sponsored by Eupora Baptist Church, was started this week and is scheduled to continue through the duration of the war. About forty members of the church answered the call of the pastor, Rev. J. R. Reedy, for praying volunteers.

"We are praying for the success of our nation in its crisis, for the welfare of our men in the camps and on the battlefield, and for the perpetuation and effectiveness of our local Baptist church," said Pastor Reedy.

The chain is seventeen hours long each day, seven days a week. It starts at 6 o'clock in the morning and continues to 11 o'clock at night. Volunteers have designated the hours they will pray. At some hours there may be only one member praying; at other hours several may be praying. Working and living habits are not adjusted. When the allotted hour arrives, volunteers whether in the field or driving on the highways, stop and offer their short prayers, said the pastor.

"I am happy and inspired because of the earnestness and enthusiasm displayed in this movement," said Rev. Reedy. "It is indeed encouraging to witness such spirit as our members are displaying, and I feel that much good will come from their efforts," he continued.—Selected.

Otis Williams, Wilsonville, Ala.

W. M. Williams, Antioch, Atlanta, Ga.

Clarence Young, Pleasant Grove, Pensacola, Fla.

Died

Joseph E. Fulton, Frankfort, Ky.

T. J. Hendricks, Brighton, Mo.

Herschel Williams, Shepherd Field, Texas.

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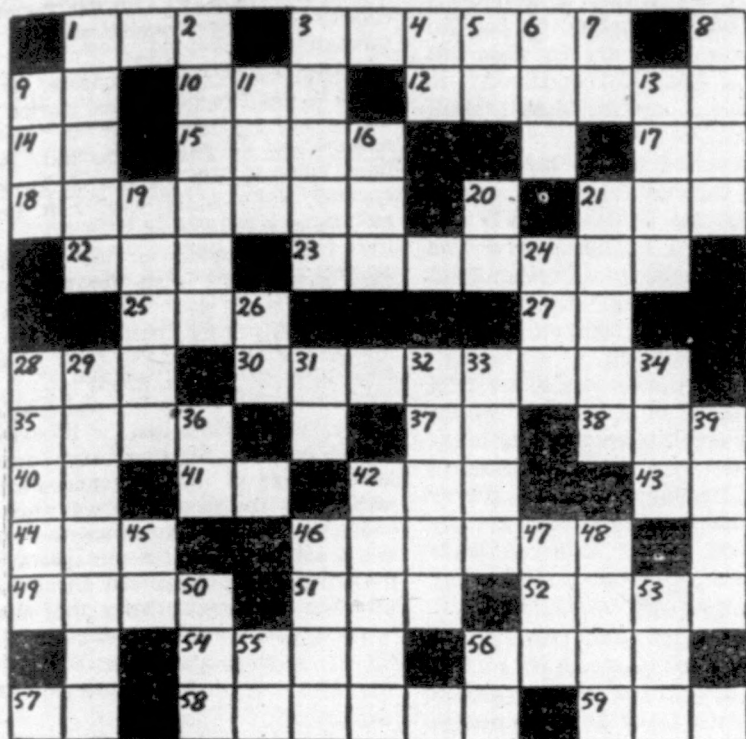
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"But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."—Luke 12:31.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

HORIZONTAL

- 1 "... many are called, but few are chosen," Matt. 22:14.
- 3 "be with me where I am; that they may ... my glory," John 17:24.
- 9 Titanium.
- 10 "so that the fowls of the ... may lodge under the shadow of it," Mark 4:32.
- 12 "The kingdom of ... is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field," Matt. 13:24.
- 14 "It is not for you to know the times ... the seasons," Acts 1:7.
- 15 Jesus likened the kingdom of God to a mustard seed which became a ...
- 17 "bind them in bundles ... burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn," Matt. 13:30.
- 18 Descendant of Moses, I Chron. 24:21.
- 21 "he ... there a man which had not on a wedding garment," Matt. 22:11.
- 22 "no doubt ... kingdom of God is come upon you," Luke 11:20.
- 23 "not taste of death, till they have seen the ... of God come with power," Mark 9:1.
- 25 Age.
- 27 Exclamation.
- 28 Saint (Fr.).
- 30 Jesus told ... to illustrate the kingdom of God.
- 35 "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at ..." Mark 1:15.
- 37 Tantalum.
- 38 Revelation.
- 40 He (Fr.).
- 41 "know ye that the kingdom ... God is nigh at hand," Luke 21:31.
- 42 "and shall sit down in the kingdom of ..." Luke 13:29.
- 43 East Indies.
- 44 "kingdom of heaven is like unto a ... that was cast into the sea," Matt. 13:47.
- 46 "The kingdom of God ... not with observation," Luke 17:20.
- 49 Father of Ahira, of the tribe of Naphtali, Num. 1:15.
- 51 Bronze.
- 52 "and hide it there in a ... of the rock," Jer. 13:4.
- 54 "And they shall come from the ... and from the west, and from the north, and from the south," Luke 13:29.
- 56 "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a ... Num. 21:9.
- 57 "The kingdom of heaven ... like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened," Matt. 13:33.

- 58 "All these evil things come from ... and defile the man," Mark 7:23.
 - 59 "be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto ..." Luke 10:11.
- Our text is 1, 3, 22, 23, 41, 42, 57, 58 and 59 combined.

VERTICAL

- 1 "But seek ye ... the kingdom of God, and His righteousness," Matt. 6:33.
- 2 "But ... seek ye the kingdom of God," Luke 12:31.
- 3 "Whosoever therefore shall ... one of these least commandments," Matt. 5:19.
- 4 His Highness.
- 5 Whirlwind off the Faroe Islands.
- 6 "and I ... down my life for the sheep," John 10:15.
- 7 God willing (L. Deo volente).
- 8 "Unto you it is given to ... the mystery of the kingdom of God," Mark 4:11.
- 9 King of Hamath, in the days of David, II Sam. 8:9.
- 11 Son of Bela, son of Benjamin, I Chron. 7:7.
- 13 Village of the tribe of Simeon, I Chron. 4:32.
- 16 Son of Benjamin, Gen. 46:21.
- 19 Luster.
- 20 King of Bashan, Josh. 13:12.
- 21 The parable of the ... illustrates the kingdom of God.
- 24 Dollar.
- 26 Apostle.
- 28 "Then shall the righteous ... forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father," Matt. 13:43.
- 29 Jesus explained the kingdom of heaven by the parable of the ten ...
- 31 "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is ... hand," Matt. 4:17.
- 32 Minute particles of matter.
- 33 "Then understood they how that he ... them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees," Matt. 16:12.
- 34 "which shall not taste of death, till they ... the kingdom of God," Luke 9:27.
- 36 "shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which ... iniquity," Matt. 13:41.
- 39 "I will not drink of the fruit of the ... until the kingdom of God shall come," Luke 22:18.
- 42 "for joy thereof ... and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field," Matt. 13:44.



Can you answer the four Biblical questions below? One correct answer is passing; two are fair; three are good, and four perfect.

1. A description of the perfect daughter-in-law appears in the Bible. Who was she?

"A stranger in a strange land," and where in the Bible does it appear?

In the Bible, the end of all aggressive nations is prophesied. Can you quote it?

4. Was brick used in Biblical times different from that in use today?

3. Who originated the phrase,

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"All is of God. If He but wave His hand, the mist collects, the rain falls thick and loud, till, with a smile of light on sea and land, Lo! He looks back from the departing cloud."

—Longfellow.

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Number 20 of a series. For permanent record, clip and paste in scrapbook. (Correct answers on page 15.)

Stonewall, Mississippi
July 24, 1942

Baptist Record

Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Brother Goodrich:

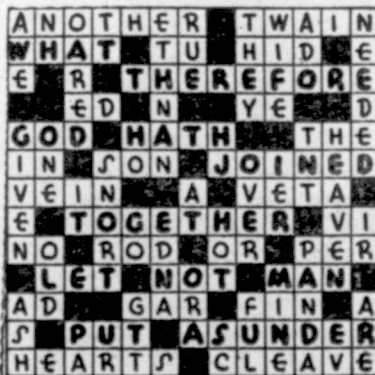
We have recently closed one of the greatest revival meetings in the history of Stonewall Baptist Church. On the second night of our thirteen-day meeting a Soul-Winners Band was started and was most effective. There were 76 additions to the church during the meeting; 13 by letter and 63 on profession of faith. It was a time of confessing sin and at least 150 people rededicated their lives to the Lord's work.

Rev. J. Fred McLelland, rural evangelist of Louisiana, preached, and W. M. Privett directed the singing. Two pianos were used, with Miss Gwen Skelton and Mrs. J. H. Martin as pianists.

We are very happy in our work here at Stonewall and Enterprise. These two half-time churches are making great progress—all because they are willing to take God at His word and accept the complete Bible plan for the church. In the 14 months that I have served as pastor at Stonewall there have been 122 additions to the church; 31 by letter and 91 on profession of

- 45 Same as 37 across.
- 46 "gathered the good into vessels, but ... the bad away," Matt. 13:48.
- 47 Though (simplified spelling).
- 48 "... Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou has given me," John 17:11.
- 50 "an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things ... and old," Matt. 13:52.
- 53 Fifth sign of the zodiac.
- 55 City of the Ammonites, near Heshbon, Jer. 49:3.
- 56 Promissory note.

Answer To Last Week's Puzzle



faith. We have ordained one minister and licensed another. The church built and paid for a new parsonage in less than a year. The church building has been painted inside and out.

The number of tithers has steadily increased and during our meeting 144 people signed a covenant to tithe all their income. Our offering for the past four weeks was \$811.97, an average of \$203.00 per Sunday. This means that the Cooperative Program will receive more than \$80.00 for these past four weeks. We rejoice in having part in a world-wide program.

The church has given their pastor three raises in salary during this period, the last being a \$50.00 per month raise. Enterprise also gave their pastor a raise in salary.

The Soul-Winners Band still meets every other Sunday night to share their experiences in soul-winning.

During the Training Union period the pastor teaches the new converts some of the great doctrines of our Bible and how to grow in grace. We feel that this will conserve the strength taken in.

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THE GREAT REVIVAL OF 1800 1785 - 1812

The Great Revivals and Southern Baptist Evangelism

A Survey of the Influence of the Great Revivals of America Upon
the Life and Work of Southern Baptists

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(Continued from Last Week)

IV. RESULTS OF THE REVIVAL OF 1800

That a number of evils resulted from the great revival of 1800, particularly among the Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists in the South and the Methodists and Congregationalists in the North—no one can deny. For one thing, the great revival helped to give birth to five additional religious sects in America, viz: the Cumberland Presbyterians, the Christian church (led by Barton W. Stone), the Holy Rollers or extreme Holiness people, the Disciples of Christ or Cambellites, and the Unitarians. It is true that Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell began their respective movements with a view of wiping out all the sects and uniting all evangelical Christians in one body under one name. But they soon found it impossible to reach an agreement between themselves and so they formed two distinct bodies. It so happens also that Alexander Campbell's followers have themselves split into two distinct bodies known as the Disciples of Christ (progressives) and the Churches of Christ (non-progressive). So that in fact, we have six additional and distinct sects who trace their origin back to the days and experiences of the great revival of 1800. The Unitarians came out of the Congregationalists by way of protest against the revival. Practically all the excesses of the present-day extremists among the Holiness people also go back to the excesses witnessed during this period of intense religious excitement. We seriously doubt if the church life of the South and the nation will ever outlive the schisms and acrimonious doctrinal discussions which this revival bequeathed to future generations.

In spite of these and other evil results of the great revival, however, one can not escape the conclusion that it did more for American Christianity than any other single movement in the history of our nation. We mention four of the great things achieved by this revival:

1. It Struck a Death Blow to Infidelity. German illuminism and rationalism, French infidelity and atheism and English deism were smashed to pieces. It is true that a few leaders of these infidel philosophies have continued to hold positions of power and influence in certain educational institutions and in certain sections of the American press. But for generations after the great revival of 1800 they were almost wholly without influence with the great masses of American people. God Himself had given unqualified answer to all the babblings of infidelity and torn into shreds the whole fabric of the ungodly and anti-Christian philosophies of the day. People of all ages, all classes, all conditions were moved upon by the Holy Spirit and brought from darkness into light by experiences which all the infidels on earth could not gainsay. And from that day to this, the soul of the great masses of the American people has believed in the reality of God's power among men.

2. It Wiped Out the Great Tidal Wave of Crime and Immorality.

Dr. George A. Baxter thus reports the great changes brought about in the most lawless sections of Kentucky:

"On my way to Kentucky I was in-

formed by settlers on the road that the character of Kentucky travelers (people) was entirely changed; that they were now as remarkable for sobriety as they had formerly been for dissoluteness and immorality. And, indeed, I found Kentucky, to all appearances, the most moral place I had ever seen. A profane expression was hardly ever heard. A religious awe seemed to pervade the country; and some deistical characters had confessed that, from whatever cause the revival might proceed, it made the people better. Some neighborhoods visited by the revival were formerly notorious for private animosities and contentions (feuds); and many petty lawsuits had commenced on that ground. When the parties in these quarrels were impressed with religion, the first thing was to send for their antagonists, and it was often very affecting to see their meeting."

3. It Set Forward the Life and Work of All the Churches.

"Besides the renewed life and activity of church members," said Dr. Beardsley, "numerous additions were made to the various churches throughout the country. It is impossible to determine, with any degree of accuracy, the number of converts who were won to the faith and gathered into the churches. The revival was so long in its continuance, and so lasting in its influence, that numerical estimates would be confusing and perhaps misleading.

It will help us, however, to understand the revolutionary effects of this revival if we note the growth of the two main denominations of America—the Methodists and the Baptists—during this revival period.

At the close of the Revolutionary War in 1782, as was noted above, the Methodists numbered only 14,000. But by 1800 they had made the phenomenal climb to 62,000; and, by 1812, they had made another unprecedented gain and numbered 214,307 (about one-fifth being colored persons). The Baptists of America, on the other hand, numbered 35,101 in 1783, or two and one-half times the Methodists. And between the close of the Revolution in 1783, and the year 1800, Baptists increased to approximately 122,500, and were still twice as numerous as the Methodists. But from 1800 to 1812 the Baptist gain did not keep pace with that of the Methodists, Baptists numbering only about 204,000 in 1812 as compared to 214,307 Methodists. These figures indicate that during the first years of the great revival, say 1785 to 1800, the Baptists of America made their greatest gains; whereas, the greater gains of the Methodists came in the last period of the great revival, say 1800 to 1812. The great gains of the Methodists in the revival, during this particular period are due to the fact that Northern Methodists made use of and profited by the revival far and away more than did Northern Baptists. In the South, the opposite was true,

UNUSUAL ORDINANCE SERVICE

Last Saturday I had a wonderful experience when I helped to baptize two adult men who are invalids but who gave a beautiful testimony to Christ in their baptism that I shall never forget.

I had preached in the meeting at Silver City through the week, working with Pastor J. S. Deal, who is also the Associational Missionary for the Deek Creek Association. Brother Deal is a great missionary pastor and it was a joy to be with him on his field and with his people.

The two men who were received upon profession of faith and whom we baptized are brothers, one is married, and they live with their parents across the Yazoo river from Silver City. They have suffered with arthritis for several years. One can walk with the help of walking sticks, but the other is confined to his chair.

Because of them, the service was held at the river, instead of at the church. Since there is no bridge there, they had to be brought across the river in a boat to the shallow side where the baptismal service was held. One was placed in the boat in his chair.

After Brother Deal had baptized the six others who had come during the meeting, I helped him to baptize the two brothers. We also had to call on some other men to help to get them

and Southern Baptists came out of the great revival still further in the lead of all the denominations.

In addition to the gains of these two leading denominations, the Presbyterians made great gains during this period as did also the Congregationalists, in spite of the split-off on the part of the Unitarians.

4. Missionary, Educational and Philanthropic Work of Churches Put Forward. In addition to the great gatherings to the churches and the first organization of Sunday school work which soon followed, the great revival brought a mighty missionary impulse to all the churches. Samuel J. Mills, a convert of the great revival, led the way to the great missionary organization and operations of the Congregational churches, 1810 and onward; whereas Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice led the way to the organization of foreign mission work by the Baptists in 1814. And in 1819, some Methodist converts of the great revival led the way to the inauguration of foreign mission work by this great denomination. Home mission work also received a fresh impetus through the great revival. The American Bible Society, organized in 1816, is still another result of the great revival. Religious journalism and theological education likewise were born anew in the great revival.

In short, the great revival of 1800 not only struck a death blow to infidelity, effectively broke down and dissipated the tidal wave of crime and lawlessness; quadrupled the membership of the evangelical churches, taken as a whole; inaugurated a new era in church work at home and launched the great missionary enterprise on foreign fields; but it did more to bring the Kingdom of God to America than all the other agencies and influences of this period combined.

(THE END)

ATTENTION, RED LICK!

The pastor of the Red Lick Baptist Church is taking this opportunity through The Baptist Record, of announcing the revival services for the last week in August, beginning the fifth Sunday. May I urge upon each of you as members of the church the necessity and importance of prayer preparatory to the opening service and throughout the meeting. If we are to have a real spiritual revival, it must come about through prayer, repentance and faith in God and His blessed book. Hence, let us begin now to pray for His cleansing power and the leadership of His spirit. Your presence upon every service and loyal support is earnestly desired and expected.

Rev. Charles Whitten, a fine, consecrated junior in Mississippi College will have charge of the choir and will also work with the young people while the pastor will bring the messages through the meeting. We sincerely covet your prayers and the prayers of the brethren throughout the state that a revival shall come to our people. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. EDDLEMAN,
Pastor.

into and out of the water. The one who cannot walk at all was baptized in his chair.

Then the church observed the Lord's Supper there on the bank of the river, so that these two could also have a part in the observance of the other ordinance.

When the service was dismissed two boats headed out into the stream, one carrying the men who would help to get the brothers home, and the other carrying the two brothers, the wife of the married one, and their father, who was rowing. The two men who had gone to such trouble to follow their Lord in baptism were tired and weary from their exertion, and perhaps in some pain from all the handling—but they had a song in their hearts because they had been obedient to the Saviour's command, even when it was hard. And as I stood on the bank watching that impressive scene, a song was ringing in my heart, the song the crowd had sung a little while before—"Where He leads me I will follow." Moreover, this thought was impressed upon my heart more than ever before: When we do the hard and inconvenient thing in order to carry out the Master's will it brings to us a joy and a satisfaction which cannot be described. Then why should I not be willing to undertake anything, no matter how hard, if I know it is His will?

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Ridgecrest Attracts Thousands

The Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest this year was divided into two weeks because of the crowds that desired to attend. The first week we had nearly 2,200 and the second week, last week we had nearly 2,000 giving us 4,000 and more for the two weeks. Many attended for the first time, others were there who have been there for a number of times. The spirit of Ridgecrest just makes you want to make the return trip. Mississippi had a good group for each week. A well filled bus went the first week with Mr. Earl Clark of Jackson in charge of the bus, and a well filled bus went the second week and it was the pleasure of your State Secretary to go with this group. This second group was composed of Associational Directors and leaders except for a few of the younger people. We had sixteen Associational Directors attending the assembly and are rejoicing that they will bring to their association something of the helpfulness of the assembly. Plan to go next year. We will have two weeks again, the last two weeks in July. Those on the bus the second week were—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. White of Batesville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray Hemphill, of Byram; F. G. Wilborn, Philadelphia; Liston Draughn, Richton; C. O. McPhate, Natchez; J. O. Boyd, Prentiss; Miss Vera Anderson, Sardis; Mrs. Alpha McDill, Kilmichael; Miss Myrtle Simmons, Utica; Miss Imogene Smith, Utica; Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, Vicksburg; Mrs. A. L. Symonds, Symonds; Walter B. Price, Cleveland; Miss Irmergene Tucker, Russell; Clara Branche Brandon, Russell; Mrs. Fred Geiselbreth, Terry; Ruth Carol Lawrence, Terry; Miss Velma Beacham, Laurel; Miss Helen Porter, Laurel; Miss Annie Averett, Hattiesburg; Miss Ruth Roach, McComb; Mrs. H. A. Burch, Fulton; Miss Caroline Conner, Lynn; Miss Allie Mae Bryant, Indianola; Mrs. Claude Miller, Lucedale; Mrs. Charles Maxson, Sturges; Miss Rita Martin, Benton; Mrs. V. R. Netherland, Eden; Vernon Rowe Netherland, Jr., Eden; Jimmie Jones, Hattiesburg; Auber J. Wilds, Oxford. Certainly no finer group ever made a trip together. Arriving in Ridgecrest about eleven o'clock Saturday night after two hard days driving, we found our cots ready for us in the Blue-Red cabins. Up early for breakfast for Sunday and a glorious week. A great program of inspiration and practical methods was arranged, and it was a joy to see that nearly every one of our group, as well as the others attended EVERY session and received a GOLD ribbon.

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their Associational Director to attend the Ridgecrest assembly. We offered free transportation to every associational director who would go, and asked the associational pastor-advisor to enlist the churches in the association to make up the additional expenses. This was done in a number of associations and we feel that the churches that had a part made a good investment. These officers come back to you with renewed efforts in their job of promoting Training Union work.

Books In Your Library

Thanks to the Sunday School Board for the constant stream of good books made available for our Baptist constituency. Follows the titles of several recent books that you will want to add to your library. They fit the different ages as you will note giving you something new for each group age. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CHURCH LIBRARY these five would be good to start with. The S. S. Board will add to these five, five others that they will contribute FREE. In the "My Covenant Series" for young people, especially college students are Christian Witnessing and Worldliness Out, these two by Frank H. Leavell and Mary Nance Daniel respectively. Then one for young people in general, The Eternal King, by Mrs. Martha Boone Leavell. This splendid book places Jesus as the central figure in the Bible and in all history. Now one for adults—Living Abundantly, by Brank E. Burkhalter. This is a study in Christian Stewardship, and is so discussed as to inspire and help every reader. A good book for Juniors, recently from the pen of Miss Willie Jean Stewart is FRIENDS DOWN UNDER. It is a mission book and South America is the subject. Order these from The Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

A Free Book For The Teacher

Are you willing to teach a study course book? To every one who will teach a study course a free textbook is offered. Just ask for a free copy when you make your order for the books for the class. One of the newest books and one that has gained much popularity in the last few weeks is LET US SING. This is by B. B. McKinney, Secretary of Music Department, Baptist S. S. Board. Pastors will be able to improve the music of the church greatly by organizing a class in this book and teaching it. These summer months is the best time for just such a study.

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port on our special program of five weeks where so many fine young people served as volunteer workers.

Live Wire Union, New Albany Going Strong

The Live Wire Union is a Junior Union in the New Albany church. Their leader, Mrs. Van Russell, who is also the district leader, is proud of the good work these boys and girls are doing. They have maintained the Standard for several quarters. Mrs. Russell in reporting the work of her Juniors also report the last meeting of their Associational B. T. U. They met at Myrtle with an attendance of 185. Dr. J. S. Riser, Jr., of Blue Mountain was the out-of-the-Association speaker and brought a splendid message that was helpful to all.

Lincoln Ave. Mission Church, Pascagoula

We rejoice in the way God is blessing the work in and near Pascagoula. They now have three churches well organized and functioning. Comes a word from Rev. John Watts, pastor of the Lincoln Ave., Mission Church that they are to organize the church on August 2nd (last Sunday) and expect to start with everything in order which includes a Training Union. Happy is the church that starts off with a pastor who can lead them to start right, with a complete organization to take care of every church need. Congratulations Lincoln Ave.

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. W. Provine of Clinton is the treasurer of the fund for the tent for Chaplain Zeno Wall and publishes a list of new donors to the fund, among these being: Pleasant Hill church at Pinola, Knox Huff, Mrs. Sarah Johnston, W. H. Patton, L. F. Garritt, Rev. L. W. Rose, Rev. J. L. Watts, Rev. L. B. Campbell, Mrs. M. F. Tatum, Hugh E. Ray, Mrs. John Laird, Presbyterian church of Water Valley, O. C. Moor, and the people of Greenwood.

Pastor D. J. Riley baptized one at Plain in a meeting in which he was assisted by Bro. W. H. Thompson of Forest.

An earnest appeal by J. H. Gunn of Noxapater to the Sunday school forces to help blot out illiteracy in Mississippi points out that "of the total population of Mississippi ten years of age and older, there are 224 illiterates per 1,000, and that the state stands fourth in the Union in illiteracy." He declares that Bible teachers could do a great deal of good in this realm, and gives interesting illustrations of young people and adults who desired to learn to read and write. He believes it would further Bible study definitely.

A committee on Food Conservation has been appointed by J. B. Gambrell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the request of Herbert Hoover in the interest of food conservation. Among those named was Rev. P. I. Lipsey of Mississippi. The service is purely voluntary.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
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Lesson For August 9, 1942
ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Genesis 17-18

As Abraham sat in his tent door among the oaks of Mamre in the heat of the day, three angelic visitors appeared and accepted his hospitality.

After eating the sumptuous meal set before them they started out upon the high road leading direct to Sodom. The journey of Abraham with them was in accordance with custom. He may have accompanied them several miles, possibly (as tradition says) to a point where through a ravine they could see the Dead Sea. The audible soliloquy of the Lord may have occurred at the spot where Abraham was about to turn homeward.

Lesson Text and Outline
Genesis 18:23-33

I. The Patriarch at Prayer.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou consume the righteous with the wicked?

II. The Prayer of the Patriarch.

24 Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? 25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked: that be far from thee: shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? 25 And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. 27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, who am but dust and ashes: 28 peradventure three shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I find there forty and five. 29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for the forty's sake. 30 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak; peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. 31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake. 32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the ten's sake. 33 And Jehovah went his way, as soon as he had left off communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. The Intercessor was Abraham. Approach and ardent appeal to God in behalf of the cities of the plain won the desired assurance and shows that God answers prayer. Note: (1) **The Attitude.** The two angels went on their way toward Sodom, leaving the Lord and the patriarch alone. The appearance of the Lord to Abraham at Mamre opened the way for their communion with each other. The

disclosure of the divine purpose as they walked along the way was a further hint that God was ready to be entreated. The apparent hesitation to pass sentence upon the polluted and polluting cities of the plain implied unwillingness to destroy except as the last possible resort. To such an attitude on the part of God, the patriarch responded with the deepest respect and reverence. "Abraham stood yet before the Lord." Each was ready for the sublime intercession now to follow. (2) **The Approach.** In sincerest devotion "Abraham drew near" to the Lord to pray not for himself or for his clan at Mamre but for cities whose wickedness he must have lamented and whose vices he must have censured. Yet as he faced the Judge of all the earth in whom he recognized both justice and mercy he prayed fervently and repeatedly for the wicked cities of the plain. And every prayer he offered was answered. Abraham realized that he was in the presence of the Most High; well he knew the excessive wickedness of the cities of the plain; and now he was assured that mercy was exhausted and stern justice was coming apace. In the city of Sodom now resided the wayward Lot with his family. Though he had abruptly and selfishly left his uncle, devoted himself solely to the acquisition of wealth, and identified himself with his wicked fellow citizens at the expense of both his spiritual happiness and influence, yet he was the relative of Abraham, the object of his fatherly care, affection, and solicitude. What shall become of him in the overthrow of Sodom? The faithful Abraham makes it an object of prayer, and so begins his fervent pleading in behalf of Lot's adopted city. (3) **The Appeal.** In devout humility Abraham reverently approached Jehovah with the plea, "Wilt thou consume the righteous with the wicked?" He urged that probably fifty righteous persons could be found in the city. Surely, thought he, the good might avert the storm of wrath destined for the bad; at all events, it could not be possible that the righteous should be slain with the wicked. Is not God perfect in character and all his acts above reproach? As Abraham argued, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (4) **The Ardency.** As Abraham presented his appeal to the Lord he must have become more and more aware of the fact that he was talking to God and that upon the outcome of that talk depended the safety of several cities and the salvation of many thousands of lives. Into his intercession therefore went his whole heart with all the ardor he could command. Said he: "I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord." (5) **The Awe.** Was not Abraham a princely scion of the rich and learned East? Was he not the head of a prosperous and powerful clan in Canaan with the promise and prospect of occupying and owning the whole land? Had he not lately won a signal victory over the armies of the Euphrates Valley and put in debt to him the kings of the plain? Yet as he offered his intercession with God he was "dust and ashes"—that is, dust in origin and ashes in outcome—an expression of his personal unworthiness and his utter self-abasement before God. Moreover, with his "almost venturesome audacity in prayer" was intermingled a profound humility which shrank from offending God in

the least degree. "Oh let not the Lord be angry!" Eager as Abraham was that Sodom be saved, he was yet more eager that God should not be angered. True prayer reposes at last in the perfect will of God.

2. The intercession offered by Abraham for Sodom illustrates the fact that God inspires and invites persevering prayer. Note: (1) **The Adequacy.** Six times Abraham besought God to spare Sodom for the sake of the righteous who might be found in it: First for fifty; then for forty-five; then forty; then for thirty; then for twenty; and finally for ten. Abraham dared persist no longer. Why? "Probably because of his ignorance of the extent and effect of Sodom's sin, and, from another point of view, probably because of his ignorance of the extent of the divine mercy and long-suffering. As it has often been said, Abraham ceased asking before God ceased giving" (Thomas). It has also been suggested that Abraham ceased to carry his intercessions farther "either because he fondly thought that he was now sure of the cities be-

ing preserved (Luke 13:9), or because the Lord restrained his mind from further intercession (Jer. 7:16; 11:14). But there were not ten righteous persons. There was only one, and he might without injustice have perished in the general overthrow (Eccles. 9:2). But a difference is sometimes made, and on this occasion the grace of God was manifested in a singular manner for the sake of

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Let me suggest a few specific ways in which you can help with the promotion of our paper.

FIRST: Allow sufficient time on your program for an adequate presentation of The Record's aims and purposes.

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THIRD: Make sure that every church in your association has its own Record representative.

FOURTH: Urge the prompt renewal of all subscriptions when they fall due.

FIFTH: See that the EVERY FAMILY plan is explained. This popular and progressive Plan has enabled The Baptist Record to increase its circulation from 4,001 in 1935 to 26,000 in 1942. It must have some merit.

SIXTH: At the very first session appoint some one to receive subscriptions for The Baptist Record. Ask them to send in the names and money promptly.

SEVENTH: Remember that The Record stands for the promotion and the progress of our entire Christian program, and for the highest interests of our Baptist life.

Cordially yours,

A. L. GOODRICH, Editor.

OUR AIM: To inspire and to inform Baptists and to promote Baptist affairs.

"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE"



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (Continued from Page Fourteen)

Abraham. What a blessing to be connected with a Saint of God!" (2) **The Assurance.** Ringing down the centuries have come the immortal words of gracious mercy and granted prayer: "I will spare all the place for their sake." Truly God is good and prayer avails much. In contrast with the prayer of Abraham may be mentioned the prayer of Lot (next chapter) that he might occupy the little town of Zoar which was saved for his sake.

Gold in the Golden Text

The supplication of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.

The prayer of power is sincere, unselfish, humble, penitent, believing, submissive. It is offered in the name of Christ, for the glory of Christ, by a believer in Christ.

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Crystal Springs	336	112
Antioch (Attala)	39	
Cross Roads (Webster)	39	
Olive Branch	98	44
Wallerville	89	36
Louisville First	292	68
Montevista	68	52
Ellison Ridge	136	54
Enon (Panola)	79	57
Pascagoula Second	109	56
Gautier Mission	41	
Bethlehem (Jones)	70	49
Sunflower	69	
Jackson First	808	243
Jackson Calvary	808	179
Jackson Griffith	645	326
Pinkney	219	

—BR—

A headache that would not keep a man at home from the office on Monday is not sufficient excuse for staying away from church on Sunday morning.—The Christian Advocate.

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on page 11.

1. (Perfect daughter-in-law): See Ruth 1:14-18.

2. (Stranger in strange land): Moses originated it; the complete statement is in Exodus 2:22.

3. (Aggressive nations): The prophet Isaiah foretells it. See Isaiah 60:12.

4. (Brick): Biblical brick was much larger than our modern brick, being 12 to 13 inches in length, and 3½ inches thick. Such brick was used for building purposes and were made by the Israelites and other captives. (Exodus 1:14.) When made from Nile river mud, straw had to be included to prevent cracking.

GOD AND THE "WOODSHED"

Recently your writer had occasion to ride with a group of men to Camp Shelby to get physical examinations. A group like that should represent a fair cross section of our men of today. A rather high proportion indulged in a "crap game" in the aisle of the bus like "niggers in a back alley." There were well dressed business men among them. The number using profanity and vulgarity was high. They were brazen and loud mouthed with it. If that represents what a Christian will have to put up with in the army, then he will find himself in a very uncongenial predicament. The Bible speaks of separating from such, which can be done in civilian life.

The more I study modern society, individually and collectively, the more apparent it is to me that even as God dealt with the Israelites of old, even so is he taking us of today "out to the woodshed" in the old fashioned way.

I have heard several men say in recent months that there was no wrong in fornication if contraceptives were used. Have people lost a realization of sin? Or, have they rationalized around the uncompromising statements of the Bible? These men had all been exposed to a Christian up-bringing.

Again, some take the view that we must do all we can to win this war and expect God's help only after that. War effort is a chastening. Even if we win in the end, which we shall, we will have received a terrible scourging in the process. I believe God could wreck our enemies in an hour if we were a righteous nation, and spare us this chastening if we did not need it. As it is now, we must go on and fight, but we are passing through the refining fires.

See Jeremiah 5:9-17, and others.—A Pilgrim.

THE TITHING CORNER

MY EXPERIENCE WITH TITHING

I was reared in a Christian home. I have attended church and Sunday School regularly since a tiny girl, and in listening to God's word from the pulpit it taught tithing. In studying the Sunday School lesson Sunday after Sunday, and in studying the Bible in my home it is plain to me, WE OWE GOD THE TITHE.

I have been a tither for four years and find from my experience that tithing is a part of God's plan for a Christian life.

We that have accepted Christ and surrendered our lives to Him, have not surrendered all until we have accepted and surrendered our earnings also. It is indeed a joy and a privilege to me to give a tenth unto the Lord. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. The world and they that dwell therein.

I find by tithing that I enjoy Christian living more. It increases my faith, the Bible, expresses God's approval upon the one through faith honors Him with the first fruits of his increase. He says, bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10.

Since I have started to tithe I feel closer to God through prayer. I can show a better Christian spirit toward my family and friends and it enables me to be a better witness for Christ. May I say to all Christian to practice tithing. You will be blessed in every way.

Nona McWilliams, DeKalb, Miss.

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Glorious Climax—

The two final weeks of the 1942 Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, form a fitting and glorious climax to a season that has reached new spiritual heights despite transportation problems and the doubts and uncertainties besetting our nation in time of war. Because "they that wait upon the Lord . . . shall mount up with wings as eagles," you will not want to miss these two weeks. Make your reservations now with Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

AUGUST 15-21

BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE

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AUGUST 22-30

PREACHING WEEK

Twice daily by Dr. George W. Truett, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. Dr. W. F. Powell, President, Baptist Sunday School Board, will preside.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD CONFERENCE

SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY—Dr. Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention

MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Dr. Newton



Dr. Truett



Dr. Powell

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton; Wilbur Cole, Philadelphia; Houston Martin, Clinton; Rev. V. R. Crider, Jayess; Rev. R. L. Wallace, Raymond; Rev. H. E. Love, Jackson; Judge O. B. Taylor, Jackson; Earl Clark, Jackson; Rev. Ira F. Metts, Jackson; Rev. M. P. Jones, Hazlehurst.

Calvary church, Jackson: Rev. J. A. Moore preached for us last Sunday. Dr. Bowen was in Indianola. Dr. Howard Spell of Mississippi College will preach next Sunday at both morning and evening services.—Reporter.

Daniels Baptist Church, Jackson, has recently installed new pews and choir chairs at a cost of \$669.40. The church has been painted and the classrooms have been partitioned with plyboard.

Enon Baptist Church, Panola county: We are happy to say that we are having a 10-day singing school, with Mr. M. L. Gafford teaching.—Reporter.

Mt. Pisgah church, Choctaw county: Rev. A. R. Smith recently assisted Pastor J. S. Dorroh in a meeting that resulted in seven additions and a real revival in the church.

Union church, Rankin county: Rev. R. H. Fitzgerald of Meridian assisted Pastor W. H. Roberson in our meeting. There were seven for baptism.—Reporter.

Pastor A. R. Smith writes that the Decadar revival will begin the fourth Sunday in August. Rev. J. S. Dorroh of Eupora will do the preaching. The pastor will teach a Sunday school study course the week preceding the meeting, and plans to organize a Sunday school at the close of the meeting.

Damascus, Franklin county: Yesterday was our first preaching day at Damascus since our revival. Thirty-two people pledged to tithe for the coming year. Our offering advanced from around fifteen to fifty-nine dollars, with a very good interest among the membership.—Tom L. Pfeifer, pastor.

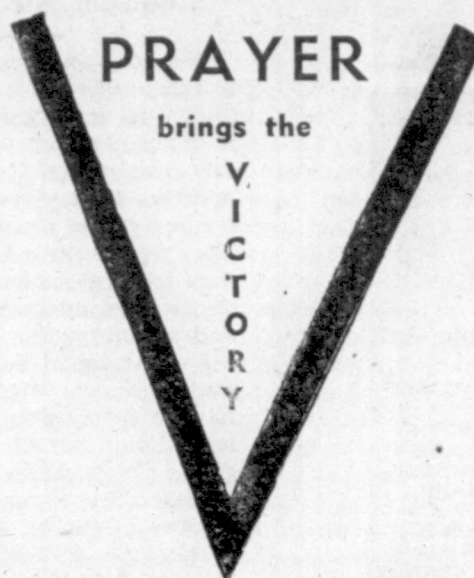
D'Lo: We have just closed our revival at D'Lo. We had ten additions, nine by baptism and one by letter. We had Evangelist Aubert C. Dunn with us and I would like to take this opportunity to recommend him to the brethren of Mississippi. Aubert is a great soul and a dynamic gospel preacher. He preaches the gospel in its beauty and fulness and with great power.—H. W. Roberson, pastor.

Mrs. B. J. Cauthen of Kweilin, Free China, writes on March 12th: "The city of Kweilin swells in population daily as the refugees keep pouring in. We keep the witness going. Except for one week before Chinese New Year evangelistic meetings have been held daily for seven months and still the hundreds flock in whenever anyone will preach to them. Baker has been holding noon meetings as well as the night. Prices are becoming outrageous. One aspirin tablet costs a dollar, that's six cents gold. Gasoline is \$5.00 a gallon, and paper is almost unobtainable—so I'd be stingy with this even if postage were not so costly. Carolyn and Ralph are developing so fast now. This compound is a wonderful place for them to play, and the Bausum children are good companions. These five are our only Southern Baptist children in all China now. How glad we are to be together and here."

Double Springs church, Webster county: We have just had Miss Camille Shirley with us in a combination Vacation Bible school and Study Course Week, and we close out with a fine record. In V. B. S. the enrollment was 32, average attendance 25, perfect attendance 19; offering for Chinese Children's Relief \$1.57. There were several conversions, as a result of the school. Eight took the study course regularly and will receive awards for their work. Double Springs church is an EVERY FAMILY church.—A. S. Dunn, reporter.

Brother C. E. Carroll of Eupora writes: "I wish to say that Dr. Cox' Pastoral Problems each week has been very inspiring and instructive to me as a layman. Pastoral problems are laymen's responsibilities and his able pen should be well supplied with ink, with prayer behind it. Every one should read his fine articles."

Montreal, Canada: Radio programs that "put illicit love in the limelight and present in very subtle form, pagan philosophies," were condemned in resolutions adopted here by the National Council of Catholic Women's League, which also went on record against the tendency "to draw adolescent boys and girls into industry, on the pretext of war urgency."



"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and PRAY, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

PASCAGOULA

Second Baptist Church of Pascagoula is happy to report the completion of the Brotherhood organization to the last officer and committee. Our Brotherhood was organized about three months ago, but the organization was not completed until Tuesday night, July 28, at which time the Brotherhood met at the home of Bro. John McClellan for a business meeting. The meeting was a great success. Fifteen members were present. The officers and committees are as follows:

President—Victor Moore.

Vice-Presidents:

1. Membership—J. W. McLeod.
2. Program—John McClellan.
3. Activities—Ralph Young.

COMMITTEES:

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 1. W. J. Ditsworth, chairman.
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 3. Ed Moncrief.

We have been having some wonderful programs and our men are taking a great interest in the work.

The Brotherhood through the different committees is beginning to do some real work. The financial committee is endeavoring to lead in paying our church indebtedness by Oct. 7, 1942.

The worship committee is sponsoring an enlargement campaign in which Bro. John Farmer is to lead us, during the week of Aug. 16-21.

The evangelistic committee is doing a great work in sponsoring street services in our city and in the mission work at Gautier. We would like to say here that the work at Gautier is going along fine under the wise and capable leadership of Bro. J. L. Reeves. We thank the Lord for a group of men like those who are members of the Brotherhood of our church and through their love for Christ and their zealous spirit and work we believe the Second Baptist Church will become a soul winning church.

ALICE RAY TATUM, Reporter.

CHARACTERISTICS THAT A PASTOR MUST HAVE

By Benjamin Urquidí

The faith of Abel, the piety of Enoch, the perseverance of Noah, the obedience of Abraham, the meekness of Moses, the prudence of Isaac, the persistence of Jacob, the character of Joseph, the patience of Job, the intrepidity of David, the wisdom of Solomon, the vision of Isaiah, the courage of Elijah, the calmness of Elisha, the fidelity of Daniel, the energy of Ezekiel, the strength of Samson, the endurance of Jeremiah, the consecration of Samuel, the heroism of John the Baptist, the boldness of Stephen, the sincerity of the Apostle Peter, the fervor and devotion of the Apostle Paul, the eloquence of Apollos, the tact of Barnabas, the love of John the beloved disciple, the compassion and purity of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.—Watchman-Examiner.

San Diego, California.

HOW DO YOU SAVE TIRES?

The saving of our automobile tires in every possible way is a matter of great importance. We wonder how our people are going to save their tires—whether they will cut down on their use for business, for pleasure or for the service of the Lord. We can say without fear of contradiction that it would be a tragedy for us to cut down on our service for Christ and our attendance on worship because of the tire shortage. Indications in many sections seem to point out the tendency already begun to cut down on church attendance with the excuse that one must save tires. If one must cut down on the use of tires the last thing curtailed should be attendance on Sunday school and church and our service for Christ in visitation and soul-winning. If we must cut down on the use of our automobiles for that we should walk and ride buses to get it done. It is when the people get back to God that God can and will bring an end to the war. Let us keep Him and His work uppermost in these days. It would be well for people in neighborhoods to join together in the use of cars helping each other out. At any cost of effort and planning let's keep in touch with the Lord and keep the Lord's work going.—Exchange.

APPLAUSE VS. BRICKS

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent
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At the Convention in San Antonio, the Southern Hospital reported it had begun construction of an addition which was being built without government aid. The announcement was received with loud "Amens" and prolonged applause. The Convention approved the Hospital's course in not accepting money from the government. But mere approval does not pay for concrete and brick and beds and other things which are necessary to build and equip a hospital. We need money and we need it badly.

Here is a glorious opportunity for those who desire to do a patriotic act and at the same time contribute to a great Christian ministry. We need \$100,000, and every contribution will help.

Rev. I. F. Metts, pastor of North Side Baptist Church of Jackson is having a busy summer. July 5-10 he was with his brother, D. M. Metts, at Derma. There were 10 additions, 6 for baptism, 4 by letter. July 12-17 he was with Pastor M. C. Hughes at Leaf River church, Smith county. There were 6 additions. July 19-24 he was at Cascilla for J. H. Sherman, who has been ill for several months. There were three for baptism. He will be at Hurricane church in Attala August 16-21.

North Side church, Jackson: Rev. J. A. Barnhill, pastor of Main Street church in Hattiesburg will assist Pastor I. F. Metts in a meeting August 23 to September 4.

Bruce, Miss.: Rev. L. F. Haire is in the midst of his third week revival at Saboulga this week.—Reporter.

Briar Hill Baptist Church has just closed its revival meeting. Rev. A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs did the preaching. Rev. J. L. Moran of Picayune was in charge of the singing. Dr. R. B. Gunter is the pastor.